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## 26 DROWNED IN HARBOUR

### Panic Follows Blaze In River Steamer

#### 184 DEAD IN FERRY SINKING

Tokyo, Jan. 31. — One hundred and eighty-three persons are dead or missing in the sinking of the "Iyo Maru" in the Inland Sea on Wednesday after hitting a mine, the owners, the Kure Marine Company, said today.

The company issued the following figures for those on board: 304 in all—passengers 269; crew 35; survivors 121; known dead 22; missing 161.—Associated Press.

#### Express Train Derailed

NORTH PLATTE, NEB., Jan. 31. — A TRAINLOAD OF 214 PERSONS ESCAPED DEATH EARLY TODAY WHEN THE UNION PACIFIC'S "CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO," A "STREAMLINER" TRAVELING AT 78 MILES AN HOUR, WAS DERAILED ON THE NEBRASKA PLAINS.

The wreckage of 15 cars was strewn on both sides of the right of way.

Union Pacific headquarters said only 18 persons were injured, none seriously.

On board the train were Roy W. Howard, of the Scripps Howard newspapers; Mrs. Howard; Ben Foster (Mr. Howard's secretary); Babe Pinelli (captain of the Major League, en route to New York for a staff conference); and Charles J. Graham (president of Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad). None was injured.

#### Broken Wheel

Railway officials said a broken wheel on the middle unit of the Diesel-powered train was responsible for the derailment.

This was the second wreck in which Mr. Howard was a passenger. He was on a train near Philadelphia a few years ago when a wreck occurred, killing 79 persons.

Mr. Howard said that several soldiers returning from duty in Japan were on the train.—United Press.

## Wedemeyer's Plan For China

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

The usually reliable Chinese daily "Shun Pao," today reported from Nanking that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has just received recommendations from Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer in which President Truman's findings outlined proposals regarding currency reform, the development of natural resources, improvement of communications and other projects.

The paper did not mention whether the reported Wedemeyer programme is a duplicate copy of his report to President Truman on last year's fact finding mission, or was prepared at the request of President Chiang Kai-shek.

The paper claimed that Chiang at noon on Friday summoned Premier Changchun; Finance Minister O. K. Yu; Communications Minister Yu Tzu-wei; Chairman of the NRC

(National Resources Commission) Wong Wen-hao; and the Mayor of Nanking, Shen Yi, who is a prominent engineer.

Quoting informed sources, the "Shun Pao" claimed that the conference was called to study the Wedemeyer recommendations, which also proposed large-scale development of hydro-electric projects in South China.

#### No Comment

Approached by the "Shun Pao" Nanking correspondent, the conference refused to comment on the report or deny it.

Gen. Wedemeyer is known as one of the closest friends of Chiang Kai-shek.

During his fact finding mission in China last year, he visited the principal cities of China and was known to have received specific reconstruction projects from agencies which sought Wedemeyer's support of their request for United States aid.—United Press.

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## Where It Started



This picture, taken by the "Sunday Herald" photographer last night, shows the interior of the cargo hold on board the "Kwong Tung" where the fire broke out. Littered about the deck are bags of resin.

## Women And Babies Perish In Dash Across Gangways

AT LEAST 26 STEERAGE PASSENGERS — 22 WOMEN, ONE MAN AND THREE BABIES — WERE DROWNED LAST NIGHT WHEN A FIRE ON BOARD THE RIVER-STEAMER "KWONG TUNG" SENT SOME 300 PANICKY PEOPLE STAMPEDE THROUGH THE LOWER DECK PORTS ACROSS GANGWAYS TO THE WHARF.

In the fight to cross from ship to wharf many women passengers with infants in their arms were either pushed or fell between the ship and wharf into the harbour. Panic spread throughout the ship and even second-class passengers on the deck above began jumping from the ship on to the jetty.

More than 10 persons have been admitted to the Queen Mary hospital for treatment. A man is being detained by Police.

The fire occurred in the stern of the vessel at 7.15 p.m. and three-quarter hours before it was due to sail for Canton. Dense smoke followed and spread to other parts of the vessel. Frenzied shrieks of "fire" set the staterooms in motion.

A squad of St. John's Ambulance Brigade workers under Mr. A. el Arcuill arrived on the scene later in the evening and attempted artificial respiration on one woman who had been fished out from the water. They continued working on her en route to the hospital.

There were no deaths on the scene.

Four bottles appearing to contain chemicals were found by the police on board the ship. These were taken away to be examined.

The "Kwong Tung" belongs to Mr. T. N. Chau and was one of the ships on the Hong Kong-Canton service previously threatened by extortionist gangs in Canton.

#### Toll Expected To Be Larger

The fire was extinguished by the ship's crew before the arrival of the Fire Brigade unit. By 9 a.m. 24 bodies had been retrieved from the harbour. Two people rescued earlier died on the way to hospital.

More bodies are expected to be picked up from the harbour today.

Last night's tragedy occurred just four days before the first anniversary of the "Sai On" disaster on Feb. 4, 1947, when more than 100 people, also steerage passengers, lost their lives, some drowned and some burned to death.

From fore to aft, the "Kwong Tung" was littered with the belongings of passengers when "Sunday Herald" reporter visited

## Fire On Freighter

A fire which broke out in the No. 1 hold of the cargo ship "Carlick Bend" in Kowloon Bay about 7.30 p.m. last night kept No. 1 Fire Boat on the scene till past midnight.

Origin of the fire was believed to be cotton stored in the hold. The outbreak was confined to the hold, and was eventually got under control.

Exact amount of damage done was unknown.

The "Carlick Bend," which belongs to the Everitt Steamship Co., was to have sailed for Shanghai last evening.

## Union Jack Flying Again In Canton

Canton, Jan. 31.

The Union Jack again flies over the British consulate offices at Canton. It was formally hoisted this afternoon when new temporary offices were occupied on Shameen.

The new flag replaces that torn down and ripped to shreds by the rioters who burned the Consulate buildings a fortnight ago.

The ceremony was held in the presence of the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Au Yang-chu, and foreign consular representatives.

The small British community assembled in force.

As the flag was slowly raised a small detachment of Chinese police saluted. The Mayor stood at attention.

When the flag reached the mast on the roof of the three-story building loud applause broke out.

Except for official visitors Chinese spectators were kept at a distance, beyond guarding police and gendarmes.

The new premises are owned by Dr. R. L. Lancaster, of Canton. Before the war they were used as a nursing home.

**Tough Job**

During the Japanese occupation, the building was the German Consulate.

It has recently been used as the Canton branch office of Mr. T. W. Kwok, Foreign Affairs Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi in Hong Kong.

The Consular offices are on the ground floor of the building. The upper floors will be used as the residences of the Consul-General and the Consul, Mr. J. K. Blackwell.

The Mayor, who still has his right hand bandaged as a result of attempting to stop the rioters a fortnight ago, was heard to remark with reference to the more recent experience of Mr. K. C. Wu, Mayor of Shanghai, that "its tough being a Mayor nowadays."

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## MACAO GOLD FOR BURMA

Macao, Jan. 31.

An aircraft chartered by local bullion merchants left for Rangoon yesterday with 10,000 ounces of gold bars. Bullion traders have been making preparations in the past few weeks to find a new market in Rangoon for their imported gold from Mexico via the Philippines, as both Hong Kong and China have been preventing gold imports from the Portuguese Colony.—Central News.

## Big Gold Seizure In Plane

Over a million and a half piastres and 24 bars of gold were seized by Revenue Officers at Kal Tak yesterday morning when the Air France plane was about to take off for Saigon.

Two members of the French crew were detained and subsequently released on bail. The case will come before the Kowloon Court tomorrow.

Value of the piastres was equivalent to HK\$1,500,000. The gold at the current open market rate was worth about HK\$350,000.

The seizure took place after all the passengers had boarded the Air France plane. One of the crew was seen hurrying across the field to board the plane. He was stopped by Revenue Officers. In the small basket he was carrying was found 12 bars of gold and a large amount of piastre-notes, it is alleged.

A further search by the Preventive Officers resulted in another 12 bars of gold being found allegedly in the possession of another member of the crew.

As the two were key members of the flying team, the plane could not take off. The flight was postponed until this morning.

## Tiger In Shatin

A tiger raided a farm in the New Territories on Wednesday night and carried away a pig, according to a Chinese report from Shatin yesterday.

The report said that just before midnight on Wednesday, the farmer's wife, a pig, was seen to be missing. The following morning, only the intestines and bones of the pig remained on the hillside.

When he found his torch on the

## Gandhi Cremated:-

## Moving Scene In Indian Capital

New Delhi, Jan. 31.

Through masses of falling flowers and blossom petals, the remains of Mahatma Gandhi were today taken on their last journey.

Hundreds of thousands of people lined the five and a half mile route from Birla House, where Gandhi was shot yesterday by a young man. Many perched on the walls or climbed trees. So dense was the crowd that the police had to link hands to hold the people back from the slowly moving bier.

At midnight last night, Gandhi's body had been bathed with water from the Jumna River and decked with flowers. Hymns were sung and a small lamp lit with Ghee (clarified butter) flickered in the room where the body lay.

An All-India radio commentator said from his vantage point that every inch of space was a "mass of seething humanity, as far as I can see, determined to have a last glimpse of the great leader."

In homage to India's great apostle of peace and non-violence, every flag in Delhi flew at half-mast on this fresh and sunny morning. The whole sub-continent was represented in the emotional mourning crowd along the procession and around Birla House.

There were men and women and children and babies, and eighty-year-olds, refugees, diplomats, politicians and bearded holy men in sandals.

The great and humble, rich and poor, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Parsees and Buddhists — every section of society, every religious persuasion and every political organisation had somebody there to witness the last journey of the father of the nation.

Pandit Nehru was the supervisor of the arrangements as the cortege prepared to move off. The little lawn in front of Birla House was jammed with people jostling forward or trying to get into the two or three queues to catch a glimpse of Mahatma.

Ragged refugees clamoured near the windows leading to the room in which Gandhi lay, holding aloft bunches of flowers to place at Gandhi's feet.

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**Rich And Poor**

The young Hindu who shot Gandhi in New Delhi yesterday is believed to be a member of the Mahasabha organisation.

Most of the fighting took place in the Girgaum Road area, one of the three districts rocked by fighting yesterday in which 14 were killed and 48 wounded.

Congress followers attacked the offices of the Mahasabha organisation and also stormed the residences of its chief officers. The police dispersed the mob attacking the Mahasabha office by firing over their heads. A curfew has been imposed in the area until 7 a.m. tomorrow.

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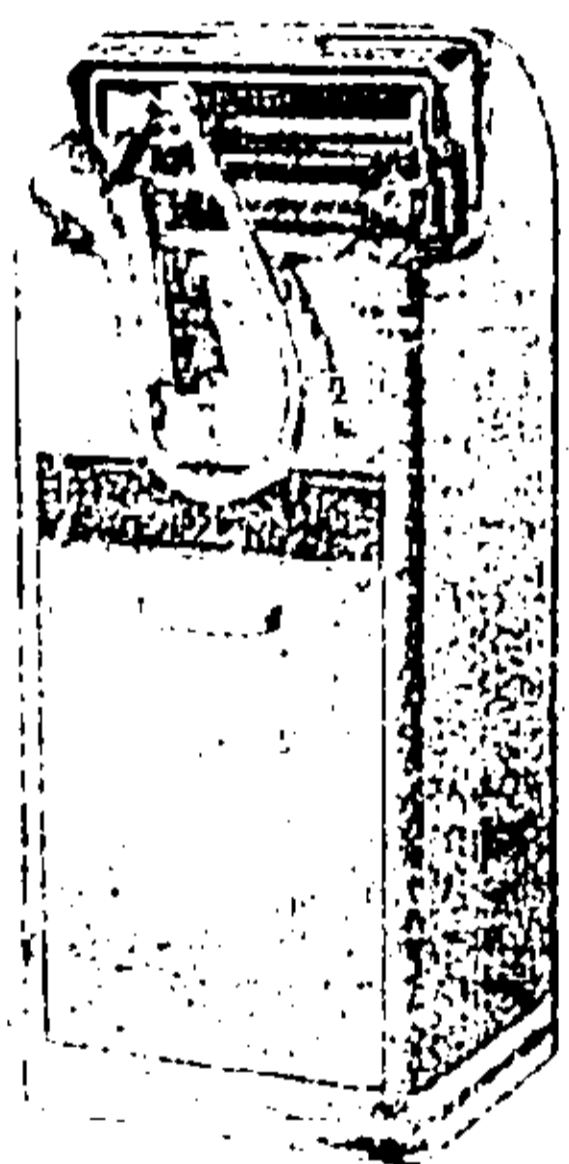
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## Urban Council's Decision On Bathing Beaches

The intention this coming summer to provide for nothing more permanent than tents for public use on the Colony's principal bathing beaches is indicated in an Urban Council Notice.

Tenders are invited for monthly rentals for the right to occupy certain areas on the beaches and to erect tents for hire to the public by the hour or by the day for the period 15th April, 1948 to 14th November, 1948:—  
At Repulse Bay (Main Beach) (Site A) 50 tents.  
At Repulse Bay (Main Beach) (Site B) 40 tents.  
At Stanley (Main Beach, Tytan Bay) (Site A) 30 tents.  
At Stanley (Main Beach, Tytan Bay) (Site B) 20 tents.  
At Island Bay (Shed C) 75 tents.  
At Big Wave Bay 60 tents.

## "Joke" Nearly A Tragedy

A practical joke which nearly cost the life of a 14-year-old lad was related to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday by Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, when Lai Chung-chi (18), apprentice, and his 18-year-old employer, Wu Wai-ting, were charged.

At 4 p.m. on Jan. 12, said Sub-Inspector Howarth, Chan Sai (14) was leaving the counter of the bicycle shop at 117 Kilung St. when the two accused decided to play a joke on him. Wu handed Lai a small bottle of petrol and motioned to him to throw a little on Chan's back. First accused did so, and then lit a match and applied it to the boy's clothing.

Apparently Chan poured a bit too much, for Chan's clothing started to burn. The boy received bad burns on his back and neck before the fire was put out by the two defendants.

The two accused got a taxi and rushed Chan to the Kowloon Hospital where he was detained for a number of days.

It would appear (said the prosecution) that this "skylarking" had been done before and that what defendants did was in retaliation for what complainant did.

Lai was fined \$50 (for a month's hard labour), and Wu \$100 for aiding and abetting.

## He Picked The Wrong Car

Wong Dun, 29-year-old taxi driver, picked the wrong car to swerve in front of when he chose Insp. Fleming's vehicle; he was arrested and charged with driving "without due care and attention". When he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday he was fined \$80 with the option of serving ten days hard labour.

Insp. Senior, prosecuting, said that he was proceeding along Hennessy Road immediately behind Insp. Fleming at about 11 p.m. when he saw defendant swing out to the right. But for complainant's brakes being in perfect working order there would no doubt have been a very serious accident. It was possible that he (Insp. Senior) would have smashed into the other car had there been a collision. When they finally came to a standstill the cars were almost on the opposite side of the road.

Defendant pleaded "guilty." He said that he had indicated he was going to turn but complainant had ignored the signal and tried to overtake him whilst he was turning.

Insp. Senior said that as his car was fitted with left-hand drive his view was quite clear. He did not see defendant give any signal whatsoever.

## Appointments

The following appointments and notifications were gazetted yesterday:—

Mr. T. R. Dowell has resumed duty as Director of Education.

Mr. R. E. Dean to be Superintendent of Gardens.

Mr. E. E. L. O'Neill Shaw to act as an Assistant Superintendent of Imports & Exports.

Mr. H. A. Ramanoglu recognised provisionally and pending issue of His Majesty's Exequatur as Consul-General for Turkey.

Mr. W. P. Montgomery to be the U.K. Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong.

Mr. S. Bunnag recognised provisionally and pending receipt of his Commission as Acting Consul-General for Siam.

Rev. F. Short to be Senior Missionary in Hong Kong of the London Missionary Society.

For a period not exceeding 2 hours	\$2.00	\$3.00
Exceeding 2 hours but not exceeding 3 hours	3.00	4.00
Exceeding 3 hours but not exceeding 4 hours	4.00	5.00
Exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 5 hours	5.00	6.00
Exceeding 5 hours	7.00	8.00

Tender price should include the provision of a tent for the period of use of the Government Bench Overseer and or Inspector. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Urban Council, and also to deposit with the Tender a sum equivalent to one month's rent as security for the due fulfilment of the contract. Private tents will not be permitted.

## Personalia

Peninsula Hotel arrivals Friday included Miss P. Fure, M. C. Sodano, Geo. O. Tiffany, Mrs. C. H. Serr, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hayland, Captain I. Hergeberg, E. Lunt, T. E. Newman, F. R. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Wetherspoon, M. and Mme. Paupardin.

Peninsula Hotel departures Friday included Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stromach, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Paves, J. T. Jansen, Miss L. Gale, and Captain and Mrs. W. P. Snyder.

The following left for Poole aboard a BOAC "Speedbird" flying boat yesterday morning: Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Pedersen and Miss Inge Pedersen, Capt. A. I. Mackenzie, Lieut. M. H. C. Black and J. B. Turner. On the same aircraft were G. O. Tiffany (for Sairo); J. N. Jayaswal, D. D'Altaides and J. Kovil (for Calcutta); Yoon Teong-tok (for Rangoon); M. Kamchal Jamsuri, Fun Yat-foo, J. E. Shasha, E. Lunt, Mrs. Rose Andersen, Mrs. C. P. Kundtun, Miss Maridie Wong, Capt. and Mrs. A. H. Keeney and S. R. Levi (for Bangkok).

Lady C. T. Ritchie was among the passengers who left for Singapore by BOAC flying boat. Others aboard the aircraft were Sue Wing (for Australia), Chan Lam, Kurt Ren, P. G. St. E. Fitzherbert, Y. S. Cheng, Miss Chua Hook-keng, Mrs. Tam Ger-ang, Master Ghua Cheow-hwa, R. G. Thomas, G. N. Segal, Ang Soen-heng, Lu Ben-shih, Aw Ich-aw, Mrs. Aw Sian, Mrs. Aw Chan Sau-yung, Master Aw Tok-tong, Chee Choor-lim, J. M. Blaikie, J. R. Knox, Major-General H. Redman and Lt-Col. G. A. Walmsley.

## WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public Subscriptions received on January 24th to 31st:—"Welsh War" \$25. Received to January 22nd: \$744,398.28. Total: \$744,423.28.

## Reminders

Today

Tec H Club, Recorded Music, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road.

Picnic (by truck) of Younger Set, European YMCA.

Opening of Street Sleepers' Shelter, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai.

Gandhi Memorial Service, Silk Temple, 9.30 a.m.

Memorial Cup: Chinese v. Non-Chinese, Club ground, 3.30 p.m.

Cricket: Wayfoong v. Talcoo, H.K. Cricket Club ground, 11 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Women's Auxiliary of H.K. Society for Protection of Children, S.C.M. Post Board Room, 19, 10.30 p.m.

Women's Guild meeting, St. Andrew's Vicarage, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY

Rotary Club Luncheon, recording "Early Days of the Brains Trust," by Donald McCullough, Post Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosselet after their marriage at St. Joseph's Church yesterday.

## Rosselet - Castro Wedding

The third Castro sister to be married in the last three months was Miss Socorro Maria Castro who yesterday became the bride of Mr. Charles Rene Rosselet at St. Joseph's Church.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length gown of white satin with a hand-embroidered tulle veil. Her bouquet was of gladioli.

Attending the bride was Miss Ida Castro, who wore a dress of pale blue tulle and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The groom's men were Messrs. A.A. Carvalho and T. West.

They will spend their honeymoon at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

## Mills—Ayris

A formal wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon when Miss Betty Ann Ayris became the bride of Mr. George M. Mills.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of Mr. D. F. Landate, wore a long white and silver-brocaded crepe dress and carried a bouquet of red sweet peas.

Acting as Matron of Honour was Mrs. A. Mabb who wore a dress of pale blue tulle and carried multi-coloured sweet peas. Miss Jenny Meg Burford was flower girl and was dressed in a replica of the Matron of Honour. Master Peter Burford was the page boy.

The duties of bestman were discharged by Mr. E. Hicks.

A reception was held for over 100 people at Marina House and then the couple left for their honeymoon, which they will spend in the New Territories.

## Bennett—Aitchison

The marriage of Miss Evelyn P. Aitchison and Mr. George W. Bennett was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon.

The bride wore a full length gown of white lace over tulle with a heart-shaped neck line and cut on Princess lines, with a white net veil and a crown of single roses. She was given away by Mr. A. Bolton.

Acting as bridesmaid was Miss S. Bolton who wore a dress of love-in-a-mist blue organdie over pale blue satin with a heart-shaped neck line and a full gathered skirt. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas.

Mrs. A. Bolton was Matron of Honour and wore a dress of black moiraine with a sequined bodice. The duties of bestman were discharged by Mr. D. Monumant.

A reception was held after the wedding at the Peninsula Hotel after which the newly-weds left for their honeymoon, spent at Chuen Chow. The bride chose

## PRISON FIGHT SEQUEL

Following a free-for-all in Stanley Gaol on Thursday, Tsang Kwong (Prisoner No. 19) appeared at the Central Magistracy on a charge of stabbing with intent to murder Tsang Wan (also a prisoner in the gaol).

Defendant pleaded "Not guilty" and was remanded in Police custody for one week.

Complainant is at present in Queen Mary Hospital.

## Maritime Board For Seamen To Be Established?

A proposal to establish a Tripartite Maritime Board to protect the interests of Chinese seamen and to improve their position is under consideration by local seamen unions, shipping companies and the Government authorities concerned.

When Mr. E. W. Barthrop, Labour Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, recently visited Hong Kong, he studied draft proposals of such a Board and supported the idea.

He was also emphatic that the present contractors' system by which Chinese seamen are recruited should be abolished.

It is understood that when established, the Tripartite Maritime Board will comprise representatives of seamen's unions, shipping companies and the Commissioner of Labour.

This Board will eliminate to a considerable extent the present contractors' system which has been the cause of many disputes over wage-scales between shipping companies and seamen.

## Exploitation

Although some contractors are fair in their dealings with seamen, the majority are unscrupulous.

They exploit the seaman by collecting 50 per cent of a his first month's wages and between \$5 and \$10 every subsequent month as a "commission" for securing employment.

A few of the bigger shipping companies in Hong Kong recruit seamen through their comprehensive departments.

But the majority do so through boarding houses frequented by seamen.

Most of the recruiting of Chinese seamen in Hong Kong is, however, done through a leading Chinese firm.

## TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented by Mr. Dominick at Talbot House (ToC H), 50 Macdonnell Road, this evening at 8.30 p.m. The programme will include:—Overture "La Scala di Seta"—Rossini. "The Perfect Fool"—Holst. Concerto for flute and harp—Mozart. "Sirce dans Grenade"—Debussy. Symphony No. 4 in C minor ("The Tragic")—Schubert.

## Awards To Police Officers

His Excellency the Governor has authorized the following awards to police officers:—

Second bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal:—Sergeant Major Chan Siu Ping, Sergeant La Ki, Sergeant Lam Choi, Sergeant Yin Hong Ling, Sergeant Kwan Yu.

First Bar:—Chief Inspector R. R. McEwen, Chief Inspector R. Cunningham, Chief Inspector J. O'Donovan, Inspector W. A. Russell, Inspector N. W. Darkin, Inspector T. K. Whelan, Inspector J. McNeill, Inspector S. G. Smith, Inspector T. Collins, Sergeant Major Ip Wai Yee, Sergeant So Kwong, Lance Sergeant Kwan Yu, Lance Sergeant Lam Hing, Constable Yeung Wong, Constable Chu Hong, Sergeant Major Hsu Fong Li, Lance Sergeant Ku Teh Shing.

Long Service Medal:—Inspector W. A. Russell, Inspector T. K. Whelan, Inspector T. J. Hensley, Inspector J. Hunter, Inspector B. J. Brown, Sub-Inspector W. H. Harris, Sub-Inspector F. H. Woods, Sergeant Major Ip Wai Yee, Lance Sergeant Lam Hing, Lance Sergeant Chan Pui, Lance Sergeant Yu Lam, Lance Sergeant Lai Shing, Lance Sergeant Yam Ho, Lance Sergeant Cheng Cheung, Lance Sergeant Wong Pak, Lance Sergeant Chu Sam, Corporal Luk Lu, Corporal Leung Lam, Corporal Lau Yuk, Corporal Kam Lun Cheung, Lance Corporal Chan Shu, Constable Yeung Wong, Constable Wong Yau, Constable Ip Chung, Sergeant Major Ip Fong Li, Lance Sergeant Ku Teh Shing, Lance Corporal Liang Teh Shu, Constable Yang Yu Pa, Constable Cho Yuen Lian.

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# H.K. INDIANS IN MOURNING FOR GANDHI

Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems mourned yesterday for the death of Gandhi. The Indian National Tri-Colour was flown at half mast throughout the Colony outside stores and shops. All Indian establishments were closed and sports matches cancelled.

The only Moslem concern seen flying both the Pakistan and Indian National flags was Tyeb & Company, Queens Road.

A meeting was held at the Sikh Temple yesterday at mid-day when many Indians of all creeds attended. Mr. Barma, of Tyeb & Company, and a Moslem, said that although the Mahatma was dead, his preaching is not in vain. We will further his ideals for peace. News of the assassination is like a bombshell to the hearts of all mankind throughout the world.

Opinions from local Indians of all classes and all creeds varied in interview with the "Sunday Herald." A well-informed Hindu, representing an Indian newspaper said:—

"There is something deeper than we can fathom. But there is talk in some quarters of a foreign power paying the murderer to kill the Saint. The more confused India becomes the better it will turn out for that power, which is trying under guise of peace to disunite Pakistan and India." (He declined to elaborate or identify the foreign power, which he said "is obvious to all eyes.")

## Terrible Shock

A prominent Moslem businessman said:—

"It is a great shame. A man with a tinge of human decency will not think of killing such an old and revered man like Gandhi." He suspected that it was more than a political motive that motivated the assassination. "He may have been paid to do it," he asserted, but he declined to say who would pay. A Sikh Police officer, who arrived here a week ago from India said:—

"It's a terrible shock for us to hear of the news last night over the radio. The murderer might have killed for family reasons. It may be that his family were killed by the Moslems while they were in the Pakistan area and he wanted to seek revenge by killing the Moslems but was stopped by Gandhi's policy. As a result, he might have killed Gandhi to enable Hindus to follow a policy of violence, thus avenging his people."

A popular Sikh sportsman said:— "The killer might be an extremist, one of the younger set that opposes Gandhi's non-violence policy. He might have killed in revenge for his people who might have been killed by the Moslems. Gandhi's passive

policy has stopped them from violent action, and this might have been one reason for the killing."

## Day Of Fasting

A Hindu watchman said:— "Gandhi is known to be pro-British, and many of the younger revolutionists do not like this. The British have been trying to confuse the two dominions, by dividing the land. Gandhi wanted to unite the two lands, which have been killing each other's population for so many months. How can they forget such memories?"

A Sikh Court Interpreter commented:—"India is a strong country, and if war should be declared, Pakistan could be overrun in a matter of weeks. Nehru and Gandhi wanted peace with Moslems, who have killed so many Hindus. Gandhi wanted to return the 157 Mosques in India to the Moslems, which the Hindus and Sikhs are occupying now. How can we do such a thing? Hindus will never agree with the Moslems."

He also asserted that Gandhi's pro-British policy aggravated the younger extremists' hatred for him.

Today will be observed by the Indian community as a day of fasting and prayer. A memorial service will be held at 9.30 a.m. at the Halsa Diwan (Sikh Temple) in respect of the Mahatma.

The Moslem Mosque will also hold a meeting.

## Funeral

The funeral of the late Alexander Erasmich Obouhoff, aged 83, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday before a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The late Mr. Obouhoff is survived by a son, Paul, and three daughters, Mrs. Olga Pokrovsky (of Hong Kong), Mrs. Natalia Tushoff (of San Francisco) and Miss Alexander Obouhoff (of Shanghai).

Wreaths sent were from Mr. and Mrs. V. Vargassoff, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hamman Dr. and Mrs. Vargassoff and family, Mrs. Vargassoff, Mr. and Mrs. Nestoroff, Mr. H. J. Moors, Mr. A. Moors, Mr. & Mrs. Reckorsky, Mr. A. C. Jureburr.

Among those attending were Messrs. A. F. Moor, E. S. Lerkovich, V. N. Vargassoff, M. Syrik, L. P. Verice, J. M. Prochajensky, A. S. Odnosky, V. Tselim, Mr. & Mrs. M. N. Affuassieff, E. Cox-Walker, R. Huber, G. A. Hamman, F. Drapel, and Messrs. V. I. Treskon, A. P. Tkachenko, G. N. Telskorsky, and J. A. Sokoloff.

# An Arab Defender



Arab defences in the city of Jerusalem have been enlarged recently and attacks on the Jewish section have increased. The Arabs are well equipped with machine guns and other small arms. Here, an Arab Volunteer with two hand grenades, Molotov cocktail, rifle and ammunition, is seen at this post ready for action. (A.P. Photo).

# Readers' Letters

## Disclaimer

Sir.—Concerning Mr. Denis Victor's letter condemning a man who removed for the Nipponese the statue of Queen Victoria, I heard in a whisper in a cafe that the man referred to was me.

I emphatically declare to you, Sir, that I never removed personally any statue for the Japanese, and I ask you to print this statement to avoid further insinuations and implications.

If Mr. Victor is so patriotic, he does not need to grumble about crimes which have been pardoned by the government. Our governmental authority has been too much jeopardised. I hope Mr. Victor will fight for the present and not the past.

Your paper has, for example, reported that Chinese Maritime Customs officials seized and confiscated eighty five tael of gold bars in the heart of British territory. Mr. Victor can best represent the Victim to prosecute such officials for assault and battery, as "Fiat Justitia" suggested. Otherwise let the dead bury its dead.

LONG YOU

Sir.—Mr. Victor in yesterday's "China Mail" made a point. He has asked anonymous letter-writers in the somewhat tedious argument we have been conducting to disclose their identity. His distaste or poison-pen strategy, I can merely echo.

## Threatened

He leaves me only to say to anonymous letter-writers: "Put up or shut up."

To which might be added: "If you feel incapable of doing that, consider the ways of cockroaches returning to the wordwork; be wise with them and follow."

J.W.H. PEARSON.

Sir.—The ZBW broadcast of General Maltby's Hong Kong despatches Friday night was a brilliant example of how not to do it. What exactly was the point of having three people with dull voices read word for word what had already appeared in full in our morning newspapers?

Had there been an attempt to dramatise the feature, to give us some sound effects other than some tinkly stuff on a battered piano, one might have a good word to say for ZBW, even if the result was not all the programme people hoped for. Had it been condensed to, say, 10 minutes, those who had not had the time to read through 12 columns of newspaper might have been grateful for the synopsis.

As it is, I cannot think of a greater waste of time. The Brains Trust, which was dropped, would at least have been something new to us.

THE LISTENER.

Sir.—Our attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in your paper of the 31st instant in which it is stated that factories will be completely cut off from the Company's supply if they use power over the hours of 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily. This is not the case.

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# It Sounded Hollow

Chan Kam-chuen, 40, arrived by train from Canton at 9.30 p.m. on Friday, wearing a pair of leather shoes.

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As a hollow sound was given out when the soles were tapped, CRO 29 pried open the soles and heels. His suspicions were rewarded by the discovery of 20 tael of raw opium hidden inside the shoes.

Chan's ingenious idea was described to Mr. W. H. Lattimer, by Revenue Officer 11, Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday when Chan was charged with being in possession of 20 tael of raw opium at 200,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$25,000) on 20th January, 1948.

# SEQUEL TO SQUATTER HUT DESTRUCTION

Li Kai-mun, Interpreter of the Health Department, Wanchai Section, charged with accepting a bribe, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr. Hin Shing Lo, representing defendant, pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

Superintendent F.F.W. Shaftain, outlining the case, told the Court that before Christmas and the New Year last year squatter huts in the Sau Wah-fong (Wanchai) area were demolished by Government.

Before these were removed, the inmates, including six opium divan keepers, approached defendant and offered him money providing that he used his influence to let them carry on.

None of these bribes were accepted and the huts were eventually pulled down.

## Offered \$500

A few days ago, these squatters approached defendant again and offered him \$500 if he would let them re-erect their huts and warn them in advance if Government intended to pull them down again.

Defendant agreed and arrangements were made at a cafe. This Police were informed and marked money was given to the accused.

"I am not happy over the circumstances of this matter," Mr. Shaftain remarked, "as there may be a possibility the complainant did it in revenge."

Defendant brought the money to his uncle with whom he charged it into a small change.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the very circumstances presented a clear cut case to the Police but in themselves, also were in mitigation.

## Burglary On Big Scale

In the dock at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada was a 25-year-old unemployed, who almost got away with a haul worth over \$17,500.

Tang Yuen-fan's thefts said DSI Cochrane, extended from October to December last year and 12 houses, located in the Hong Kong area, including the Peak, Bowen Road, Repulse Bay and Mt. Davies Road, were burgled.

The list included radios, clothing, kitchen utensils, water pipe parts and alcoholic beverages.

The accused, who is facing 15 charges of burglary, was remanded. One Chan Fuk, alias Fok Wah, 19-year-old unemployed, also appeared charged with two counts of burglary and breach of expulsion order.

He was sentenced to 21 months hard labour and six weeks.

The accused had a police record.

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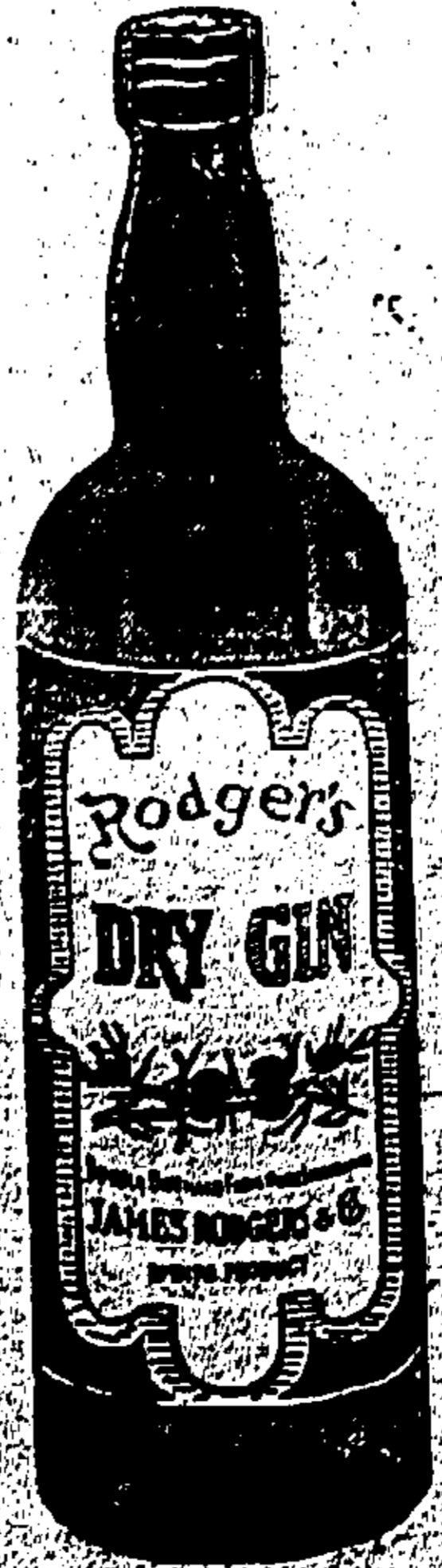
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## U.S. Petrol, Oil Exports Slashed

Washington, Jan. 30.

The U.S. Government has ordered exports of  
petrol and oil slashed sharply because of the  
"serious shortage" in this country. Drastic  
cuts have also been ordered in the amount of  
oil it was planned to ship to Japan and the  
Ryukyus.

The Commerce Department, which has the power  
to limit exports, said arrangements have been  
made to cut from 1,600,000 barrels to 100,000  
barrels the oil shipments from the United  
States to Japan and the Ryukyus. The re-  
mainder will be secured from sources outside  
the U.S.—from the Persian Gulf, Venezuela or  
elsewhere.

A cut of 18 1/2 per cent in the  
so-called "quota" shipments to  
foreign countries was ordered.  
This reduces the amount that  
will be exported during the first  
three months of this year from  
11,850,000 barrels to 9,650,000.  
The Department announced it  
would also limit licenses for  
the overseas shipments of  
petroleum to exports from those  
areas of this country "where  
the fuel can best be spared dur-  
ing this emergency period."

The Commerce Department  
today also ordered new limita-  
tions on the use of tin in con-

tainers for beer, animal food,  
coffee and paint, provided Con-  
gress permits Federal controls  
to continue.

Secretary Averell Harriman's  
order was made effective as of  
February 23, when the second  
"decontrol" expires. Unless  
Congress renews the law, Gov-  
ernment control over tin will  
end then.

Harriman announced that the  
tin saving, estimated at 2,750  
tons, would provide badly need-  
ed metal for the national de-  
fence stock pile.—Associated  
Press.

## Tankers "Rented Out" At High Rates

Washington, Jan. 30.

Informed sources said today that some American  
companies are leasing oil tankers to foreigners  
at "roughly" 100 per cent profit, despite the  
acute shortage of ships to carry petroleum for  
domestic users.

The sources said companies  
leasing or buying tankers from  
the United States Maritime  
Commission are turning the  
same ships or their own over to

foreign interests at "roughly  
twice" the Maritime lending  
fee.

The situation was disclosed  
shortly after Chairman Charles  
A. Wolcott (New Jersey Rep-  
ublican) of the House Inter-  
State Commerce Committee had  
promised investigation of the  
tanker leasing question.

The sources said the Petrol  
Corporation, a Philadelphia  
concern, now running out of oil,  
has leased a Maritime tanker to  
a foreign Government for three  
years.

Rep. John W. Heselton, Mas-  
sachusetts Republican, intro-  
duced legislation to cut fuel oil  
and petrol exports, limiting  
them to countries which impor-  
ted from the United States be-  
tween 1935 to 1940, or countries  
already allotted such imports  
for the first quarter of 1948.

Military officials said the  
Army, Navy and Air Force are  
now running close to one-third  
short of their requirements for  
the next six months.—United  
Press.

## This Laugh's On Tito

Rome, Jan. 31.  
Travellers arriving in Trieste free  
territory, from Belgrade, have  
brought with them the latest pol-  
itical jokes.

This one followed Marshal Tito's  
celebration of "Air Day" by flying  
over Belgrade with Foreign Minister  
Edvard Kardelj.

Tito, seeing a group of children  
playing in the square, said to Kardelj:  
"If I had some chocolate I could  
throw it down to those children and  
make them happy."

Seeing a group of young girls,  
Kardelj said to Tito: "If I had  
some Nylon stockings to throw down,  
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Said the pilot: "If I could throw  
these two down, I would make all  
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## Cabaret Girls Run Wild

SHANGHAI, JAN. 31.  
RIOTING CHINESE CABARET  
GIRLS AND THEIR MEN  
FRIENDS TONIGHT WRECKED  
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POLICEMEN.

An estimated 2,000 girls and an  
almost equal number of men com-  
panions rioted in protest against the  
city's closure of 14 cabarets in con-  
nection with China's austerity pro-  
gramme.

The rioters broke into the building  
and smashed furniture, windows, and  
doors before being driven by club-  
swinging police into a yard. There  
the police held them at bay but ap-  
peared unable to make them disperse.  
A number of the rioters were injured.  
Shanghai's cabarets, some of them  
world-famous, employ thousands of  
hostesses.—Associated Press.

## MOVING SCENE IN INDIAN CAPITAL

(Continued from Page 1)

There were people on the roof  
and walls of the small private  
temple, craning their necks to  
look upon Gandhi. The police  
used their lathis (batons) as  
buffers to stem the surge of  
humanity.

The Diplomatic Corps was  
there in formal mourning attire.

### Cries Of Grief

This was the greatest and  
most tragic spectacle in the  
history of Delhi and it was one  
that the common people felt  
most.

Gandhi had often said:  
"Delhi is not India." But  
Gandhi's India—the India of  
poor villages, the India of the  
untouchables—was here in  
splendour if not in physical form.

As the cortege neared the  
burning ground, the area was  
cordoned off by Air Force men,  
standing shoulder to shoulder.  
Bricklayers were cementing  
the last bricks of the square  
platform about a foot high. It  
was piled high with sweet-  
smelling sandalwood. In one  
corner stood a shining silver  
chalice. Leading mourners took  
their places overlooking the  
platform. Among them were  
Lord Mountbatten's daughters.

The crowd wept and uttered  
cries of grief as the moment  
of cremation drew near. Pandit  
Nehru, with a gesture, called  
for order.

### Nehru's Tribute

Lady Mountbatten, looking  
anxious, hurried forward and  
seized a woman with a child,  
who was trying to get to the  
pyre.

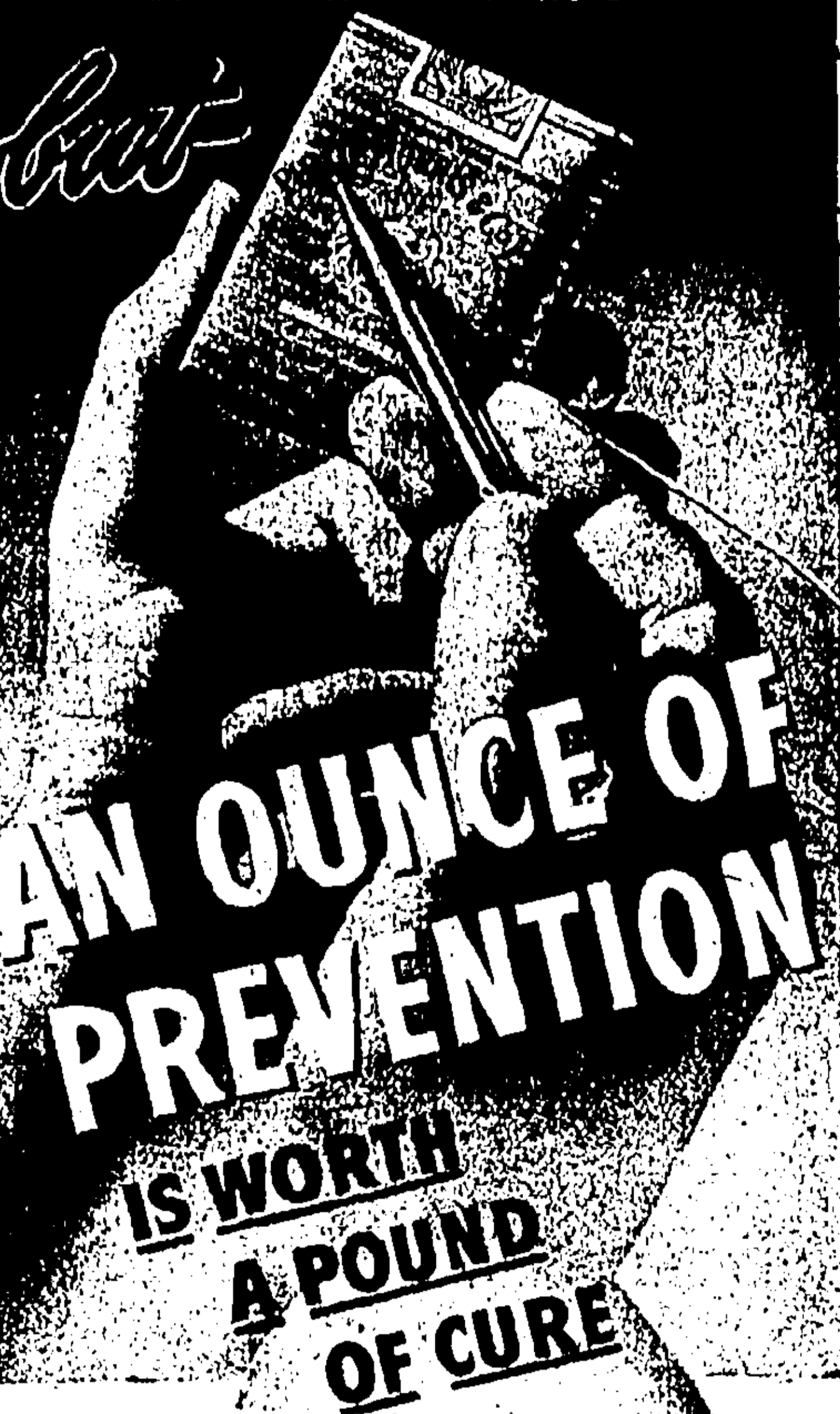
Police sticks were raised  
shoulder high to keep back the  
crowd. Mr. Devadas Gandhi,  
Mr. Gandhi's son, stood at the  
head of the bier. Light was  
applied to the pyre. Flames  
rose quickly from all four cor-  
ners. People with anguish on  
their faces pressed forward.

Devadas Gandhi added a pile  
of sandalwood every few  
moments to the flames.

All Gandhi's relatives,  
officials and the Mountbattens  
were lost in the milling crowd  
before smoke clouds hid all  
from view. The flames in-  
creased as the funeral cere-  
monies came to a close. Lord  
Mountbatten and the rest of the  
party began to leave. Tanks  
and armoured cars moved off.

The realisation spread  
through the crowd that this was  
the end. The New Delhi radio  
said that before the kindling of  
the fire, Pandit Nehru left his  
place, walked to the bier and  
falling to his knees, kissed  
Gandhi's feet.—Reuter.

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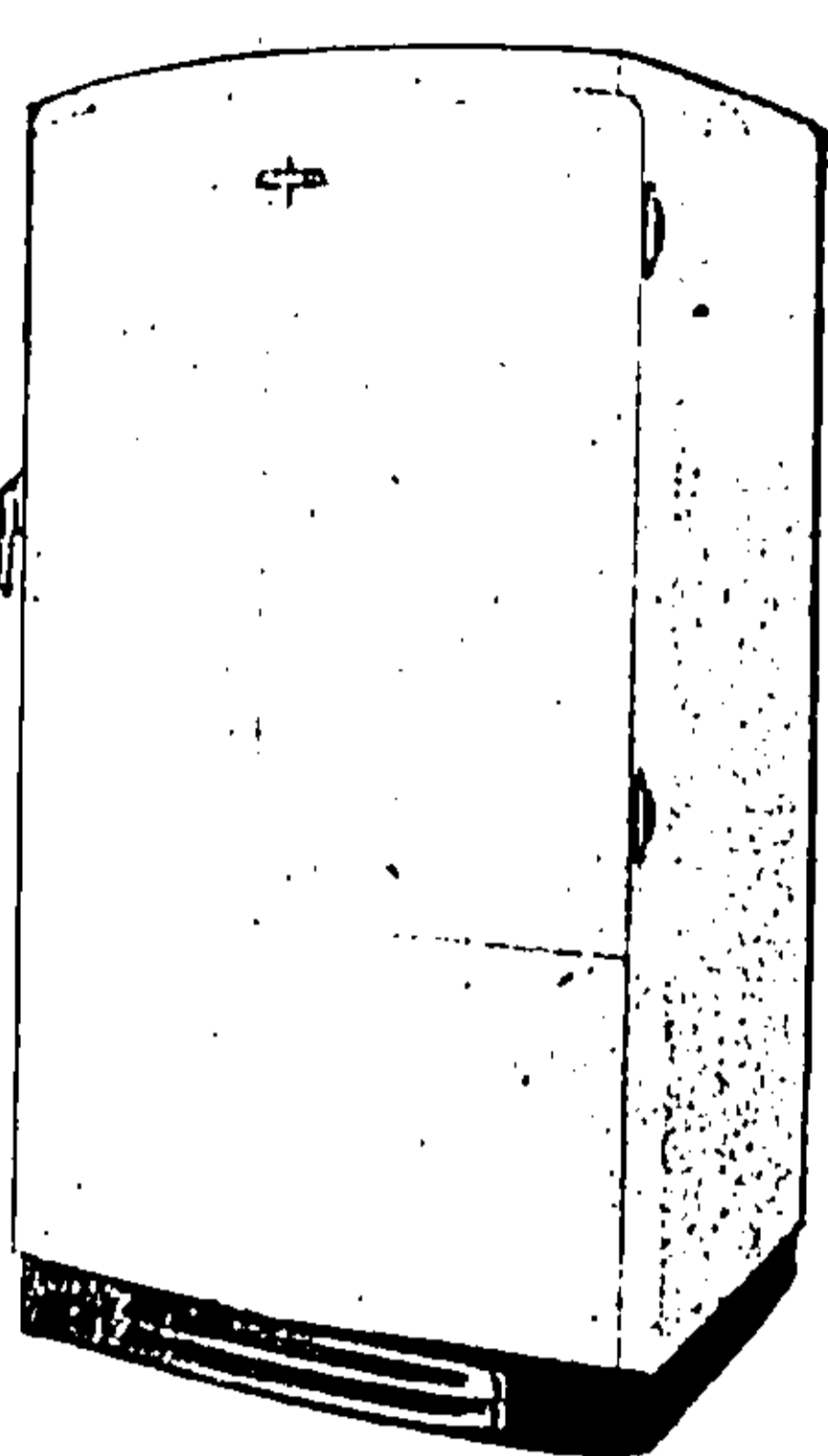


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## ABOUT THIS AND THAT

## Despatches

Now that Brooke-Popham and Maltby have released their despatches on Singapore and Hong Kong, presumably the arguments will start. Maltby's despatches told us little we did not already know. It was much the same thing both in Hong Kong and further South—failure to appreciate what the enemy could, and probably would, do; a lack of nearly everything with which to fight a war; a tragically inadequate inter-communication system; inter-service jealousies; and precautions which should have been taken as elementary first steps, and never were.

Taking Brooke-Popham first, it seems to me he is a trifle inconsistent. He talks of having only a smattering of regular officers, and implies that one of the handicaps from which they suffered was the fact that so much had to be left in the hands of inexperienced junior officers. Well, perhaps. On the other hand, the most serious error of all—failure to appreciate Japanese intentions—was made by those experienced officers at the very top.

When one reads of the mistakes they made, it tends to make one question the value of the experience whose scarcity Brooke-Popham deplores. Those junior officers may not have had their commissions long; they may have lacked experience. But they were keen, eager to learn and not, initially, affected by that mental inertia which, in the higher ranks, confined thinking to the antiquated lessons of World War One. Brigadier Lawson, of the Canadian Army, may like his men, have lacked Brooke-Popham and Co's experience; but he died in Hong Kong fighting alongside his men—not sheltering in a "Battle Box."

Or take the question of aircraft. Brooke-Popham himself visited Hong Kong about a year before and gave an impressive press conference. The question of aircraft cover for Hong Kong he avoided by saying: "You show me where I can put the aircraft and then maybe we'll answer that question." When the balloon went up, our "air force" consisted of a handful of venerable "Vilde-beeste" and "Walrus" machines—a string-and-wire model collection that lasted five minutes.....on the ground.

## NO PLANES

The real fact, of course, was that there were no planes available though I doubt if Brooke-Popham himself realised that this would be the case 12 months later. So far as Hong Kong is concerned, he took one look at Kai Tak and gave up thinking of aircraft for this part of the world. When I got to Calcutta at the end of 1942, I found that that smelly metropolis had found one solution. They blocked off the main highway in the heart of town—Nathan Road or King's Road near North Point—and this became an airstrip for a squadron of fighters. The Japs made a couple of attempts to bomb Calcutta.....but never again.

Perhaps, of course, it was a foregone conclusion that Hong Kong would fall. But a few fighters would have prolonged the siege even if they, too, were eventually put out of action. Maltby himself practically admits he didn't really know what to do with the few aircraft we had. He gave orders that, since they were no match for enemy fighters, they were not to be employed except at "first light or dusk, for a torpedo attack on any enemy capital ship or cruiser." The rest of the time they were to be parked on Kai Tak airfield.

The result was that the obvious happened. On their first raid, the Japs attacked Kai Tak and put all plans out of action. I talked to some of the RAF boys a little later and they almost wept; they knew that would happen and had it been left to them they'd have gone up and done their best to prevent the Japs from having an easy fly-over and some machine-gun practice on sitting targets. Those "Vilde-beeste" would have been useless against a capital ship—as, perhaps, the MTBs might have been. But it is worth noting the Japs didn't know much about MTBs. In one successful attack at night—in which one Jap ship was sunk and another damaged—the Japs thought they were being attacked from the air and put up a deadly A.A. barrage until almost the last moment. No mention of this in Maltby's despatches.

Indeed, so far as the Navy is concerned in his report, it might well have been one of the ARP services. For instance, talking of the withdrawal of the rear-guard 5th Battalion of the 7th Rajputs, he says the Navy assisted in the withdrawal. The Rajputs, he says, "accomplished ship without casualties, covered by ship's anti-aircraft fire from various positions" and says the last batch arrived at Aberdeen at 9.20 a.m. Far from merely assisting, the Navy carried out a major part of the operation.

## EVACUATION

The MTBs and the destroyer "Thracian" went in at first light. The Rajputs were lining the waterfront, waiting silently, while their mull, whistling in the background. The MTBs ran in to a pier took on a load of men and ferried them out to "Thracian," then back for more. In the darkness, one MTB lost all three of its screws. Every "pongo" was taken off and put on the destroyer, which, taking the damaged MTB in tow, moved off through Lyemun and round the south of the island to Aberdeen. The other MTBs threw a protective screen around her, and, pointing out what today seem

It was a bright, clear morning, with a warm sun shining down, and we expected an attack from the air at any moment. Nothing happened. It is news to us that the withdrawal was "covered by artillery fire from various island positions."

Then, I disagree with his statement that he had all his forces deployed at their battle positions in ample time on Dec. 7th. It may come as news to many that at 3 a.m. on December 8th—when the balloons went up here—two local newspapers were sent to Manila and received the electrifying news that a surprise air raid was in progress. They rang up the Colonial Secretary, Government House and the GOC's HQ, and were laughed at for spreading alarmist rumours.

All the forces at battle stations? Ronnie Ashby and I were on the duty MTB alongside "Robin" at Lyemun boom that night. We left her at 6 a.m., came in, refuelled—and it was not till 7.45 a.m., when we came ashore for a brush-up, a wash and, (as we thought) a spell of "leaf." We learned that war had been declared four days before, five minutes before the first air raid on Kai Tak. If Maltby's forces were at battle stations 24 hours before, why was not a word sent to the duty MTB and the gunboat manning the vital Lyemun Pass boom defences?

Discussing the events of Friday, Dec. 19th, he says that "at 7.30 a.m. MTBs were sent to the vicinity of Green Island to be ready to attack enemy vessels ferrying troops from the Mainland to the island." Actually, we were sent into Kowloon Bay—the opposite end of the harbour—with orders to shoot up the landing craft then coming across to North Point. There is a slight difference between ferrying around Green Island—which we had done a couple of nights earlier for several hours—and going into Kowloon Bay with definite orders.

Although Brooke-Popham stresses the point more than Maltby does, everyone "with experience" seemed surprised that the Japs should attack us from the Mainland, instead of from seaward (where all our heavy defences were). Why? I locked the front door and leave the back one open, why shouldn't I expect you to try and come in through the kitchen—especially if you're in the back garden at the time? And don't get the idea that (a) a threat from the rear was a new one or (b) that no one had pointed out this danger long before. From my "library," I extract a few sentences from a book written in 1895 by one Henry Norman, entitled "The Far East." On Page 24, discussing Hong Kong, he wrote:—

## In 1895

"The place is probably impregnable from the sea.....With the principal entrances mined.....all preparations for which exist in the most complete and detailed manner—any hostile fleet attacking Hong Kong harbour would in all human probability come utterly to grief. The weak point is well known to be on the other side. In the military manoeuvres the attacking force has got in again and again. The reinforcements are all planned, and there are plenty of machine-guns and a few howitzers, but with the large forces possessed by Russia in Siberia.....to say nothing of the powerful Japanese Army, it is impossible to feel happy about Hong Kong. Especially is this the case if the common remark of naval men, that in the event of war the fleet would at once put to sea and leave Hong Kong to take care of itself, is to be taken literally."

That was written 46 years before the attack on Pearl Harbour and Hong Kong. It makes ironic reading now, doesn't it? If anyone writing an independent account of the battle of Hong Kong were to ask me—not that they would, I was one of the most inexperienced of the junior officers—I would say a major fault lay in the local conduct of operations in the poor system of communications.

The Brass Hats in their underground "Battle Box" were probably able to pass their minutes and hand-signals back and forth and even get together over a cup of tea without much difficulty. But more than half the time the people out in the front lines, and outposts, doing the actual fighting, didn't know what was going on, where the enemy were, or even where their rations were coming from.

If I tend to harp on the naval side of things, it is only because that is the side I was concerned with, and we had very little accurate knowledge of what was going on elsewhere. Major-General Maltby makes no mention of the fact that when the MTBs returned from the Kowloon Bay shoot-up, they found gunboats and auxiliary patrol craft being scuttled, right, left and centre. It was all Ashby could do to prevent the carrying-out of orders to scuttle our damaged MTB. This was a week before Hong Kong fell.

And so on. As the Editor pointed out on Friday, the Maltby despatches do not tell the whole story and a good deal of what is lacking is not wholly unimportant. A lot of questions remain without an answer. Perhaps, however, it is really a waste of time going over old ground and pointing out what today seem

## By ARTHUR GEE

obvious mistakes and errors in judgment. If there's another war, it probably won't be anything like the last lessons anew. About the only lesson we have (I hope) learned which should still be useful is that the Navy can't fight one war, the Army another, the RAF a third and the civilians yet a fourth. It's cooperation the whole way through from the word "go" or we've had it.

## Z.B.W.

There is grand news for Hong Kong music-lovers this week—ZBW has received a magnificent gift of 312 records from the British Council, as a result of a visit to the Far East many months ago by Sir Angus Gillan. Apart from the fact that it is a more than welcome addition to the ZBW library, the collection contains a lot of British music all too rarely heard outside England; music-lovers brought up on a strict diet of the Three "Bs" are in for a pleasant surprise.

The collection might well be divided into three main sections: (a) recordings of foreign music; (b) recordings of British music; by far the largest, of course, and (c) recordings of speeches and of special occasions. The British music section is divided into seven sub-sections: orchestral, chamber, vocal, organ, light (which doesn't mean jazz!), traditional and band.

First, however, a word about the people to whom Hong Kong music-lovers owe their sincere gratitude: the British Council. This was established towards the end of 1934. The prime movers were the Foreign Office, supported by several other departments, and the "British Council" as the result of many representations made to the Government by British diplomatic and other missions to foreign countries. Under the terms of the Charter, the Council exists for the purpose of promoting a wider knowledge of the United Kingdom and the English language abroad, and of developing closer cultural relations between the United Kingdom and other countries for the purpose of benefiting the British Commonwealth of Nations.

It does this in many various ways by forming, or encouraging the formation of, British cultural centres abroad; by encouraging the studies of English in foreign universities and schools; by helping undergraduates or post-graduates from abroad to study at home (four left Hong Kong last Saturday); and doing all it can to give people a knowledge of all aspects of British life and thought through the Press, films, distribution of complete libraries, exhibitions, lectures, concerts—Rangoon now has a "Decola" gramophone, thanks to the British Council—and so on.

## THE RECORDS

To return to our new collection of records, the "Foreign Music" section ranges all the way from Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor" to Weber's "Concertino for Clarinet and Orchestra." Apart from say, the Fourth Symphony in A Minor by Schubert and Dohnanyi's "Variations on a Nursery Tune" (great fun, this!) it contains little by modern composers. It is, however, a fully representative selection.

The other small section is the "Recordings of Speeches and of Special Occasions." This, too, is eclectic, and ranges all the way from "The Coronation Service, May 12th, 1937" to six speeches by Winston Churchill, including "This was their finest hour, June 18th, 1940" and "Every man to his post, September 11th, 1940." It also includes two volumes of "The Voice of Poetry," spoken by Edith Evans and John Gielgud respectively.

The main body of the collection, however, is taken up by the British music section, and quite understand-

ably. Readers of my weekly music notes in the Magazine Supplement will have gathered that I tend to be a booster of British music and composers. Not because I am narrowly patriotic, or anything like that. But so many people tend to think that the only good and great music comes from the Continent and that the best England can do is represented by such ephemeral works as Addinsell's "Warsaw Concerto" and Tye's "The Haunted Ballroom."

Few seem to realise that the Nocturne was the "invention" of a British composer named Field and not a Pole by the name of Chopin. They talk of the operas of Monteverdi, Puccini, Mozart and Wagner, and overlook the fact that Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" is the oldest living opera, dating back to 1689; the next work of comparable rank, Gluck's "Orfeo," was not written till 1762. Thanks to the British Council, ZBW at last has the opportunity to remedy local ignorance of the works of British composers, past and present.

## CHOICE

There are so many records that it would be impossible to describe the collection adequately. Perhaps the best I can do is to pick one or two from each sub-section as typical and a personal choice—with the reminder that the wide range will meet all tastes, even if you do not approve of those I have selected for mention.

(A) Orchestral—Bach's Third Symphony, Beethoven's Piano Concerto and "Phaenias March," Elgar's Second Symphony, Holst's "The Planets," Moravian's Symphony in G Minor, Rawsthorne's "Street Corner Overture," Vaughan Williams' "Job—A Masque for Dancing," and Warlock's "Capriol Suite."

(B) Chamber—"The King's Heart," by Bull (1562-1628), "Earl of Salisbury," by Byrd (1533-1623), Field's Nocturnes in A and G major, Moravian's Trio in G and Purcell's "Five-part Fantasia on One Note."

(C) Vocal—Bantock's "The Cloths of Heaven," Broughton's "The English Rose," Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings, Elgar's "The Dream of Gerontius," Handel's "Like as the Love-Lorn Turtle," Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" and Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast."

(D) Organ—Not much choice here, as there's only one record—Handel's "Largo" (from "Samuel") and, on the other side, "Now Thank We All Our God."

(E) Light—Amel's "Plymouth Hoe" overture, German's "Merrie England" and "Nell Gwynn" dances, Grainger's "Mock Morris" and the complete recordings of Sullivan's "The Mikado," "The Pirates of Penzance," and "Trial by Jury."

(F) Traditional—Folk dances: Flamboyant Sword Dance, "Haste to the Wedding," "Fourpence-half-penny-farthing" and "Passing By," Hebrews' "Skye Boat Song" and "The Road to the Isles," Scottish: Briskie Love Lilt and "Westerling Home."

(G) Band—Difficult to choose here. Which would you prefer—Colonel Bogey, With Sword and Lance, Nautical Moments, Blaze Away, or an Eightsome Reel? There are also some tattoo selections: Scottish Command and Northern Command, to pick but two.

I don't know whether or not ZBW has any idea as to the best means of putting these records on for the first time. I would suggest to them, however, that as a measure of our gratitude to the British Council, and in keeping with the aims of that body, they take advantage of the gift in putting on a special series of programmes covering the works of British composers—on say, the lines of the present BBC features, "Modern British Music," by Lionel Salter, or "Ballad Music of British Composers."

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## BRITAIN'S FIRM "NO" TO UNO

### Jewish Militia Plan Is Turned Down

Lake Success, Jan. 30.  
Great Britain today announced that until British rule in Palestine ended British troops would defend the whole area against any international attack and would refuse to permit the organization of Jewish militia.

The decision against the formation of a Jewish militia defied the wishes of the United Nations Palestine Commission and the urgent demands of the Jewish Agency.

Earlier, the Commission had asked Britain to turn over administration "progressively" to the Palestine Commission.

#### "Gradually"

The British representative said that meant that after the mandate ended British troops would withdraw gradually and the Commission would take over, gradually. The Commission obviously disagreed.

The Commission's report will go to the Security Council on Monday and it was learned it would clearly envision an international force to make sure the security references in the regular report were strengthened, at the insistence of Senator Francisco, leader of a campaign for a forthright plea for armed backing for the Commission.—United Press.

## Black Market Centre

LONDON, JAN. 30.  
FASHIONABLE SHOPS IN VIENNA'S BOND STREET, THE KATZENBERG STRASSE, HAVE LARGE NOTICES IN THE WINDOWS, "LUXURY GOODS FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY," HEAVY LEATHER SUITCASES, HANDBAGS, LUXURY BROCADES, WOOL, LENS AND JEWELLERY CAN ALL BE BOUGHT FOR POUND AND DOLLAR NOTES—AND THEY ARE.

Since British visitors are not allowed to have foreign currency or sterling in their possession outside Britain, you may wonder who are the buyers.

They are mostly Austrian in the black market. Czechs and Hungarians, who come in with fat wads of pound notes, now worth six times their legal value in Austrian currency, and Americans with dollars.

To help this trade, Vienna is becoming one of the currency black market centres of Europe.

While I was sitting in a club, a little man in a tuxedo had covered the bar and offered to one of the currency "big shots" four thousand dollars in twenty-dollar bills. The price was 64 Austrian schillings a dollar. The official rate is ten.

The buyer checked some of the notes by a quick glance against the light. A moment later the deal was done. Within ten minutes the buyer had sold his dollars to another customer in the same bar for 74 Austrian schillings a dollar, noting a profit of 10,000 schillings—£100.—Our Own Correspondent.

#### REPORT DENIED

Ankara, Jan. 29.  
Reports from the Palestine Arab office today that a Turkish volunteer brigade was now being formed in Ankara to fight for the Arabs in Palestine, was denied in authoritative quarters here tonight, Agence France Press reported.—Reuter.

## TROOPS RE-DEPLOYED IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Jan. 30.  
It is becoming increasingly clear that the withdrawal of Britain's military and police forces from Palestine—as distinct from the relinquishment of the Mandate by May 15 will not be completed by the target date of August 1. The swift decline of the Holy Land into a state little short of chaos has made necessary the complete re-deployment of troops, instead of the concentration needed for easy movement to the ports, and has brought the movement of shipping almost to a halt.

Already, the withdrawal programme is well behind schedule, and the delay is likely to widen progressively and by August may have reached eight weeks or more.

The ports of Haifa, Jaffa and Tel Aviv are hopelessly congested owing to lack of labour. Curfew lighting is greatly delayed and the Army's plans were based on the prompt shifting of the c. p. Customs sheds are choked with imports which the merchants cannot collect.

Both the Army and the Police want to get out of Palestine as quickly as possible, but the chaotic conditions have completely disrupted the delicately balanced "movement" tables upon which any orderly evacuation must be based.

There is a strong feeling among staff officers that much of the material and stores earmarked for transfer to Cyprus and new African bases will have to be destroyed if withdrawal is to keep to anything like schedule.

#### Absenteeism

The withdrawal plans of the Palestine Government are not as yet seriously affected, although absenteeism of both Jewish and Arab employees, as a result of the clashes, is slowing down the work of the departments.

Evacuation of British officials and their families, will begin next month, roughly in order of seniority. By May 15, the latest date for the relinquishment of administrative responsibility, it is hoped that only a handful of senior officials will still be in Palestine.

Every available berth in cruise ships sailing to Britain will be filled, and aircraft chartered by the Government will also be used.

#### Main Anxiety

The Government's main anxiety is the non-appearance of the Secretariat of 80 members of the United Nations Commission which was due on January 1. Although the Government does not wish the commissioners themselves to arrive until the last possible moment to avoid the danger of dual authority, it considers it important that their staffs should be in position, lest the complete breakdown of civil power—which is now possible at any time—should seriously complicate the process of handing over.

The situation has long since developed beyond the point where ultimatums, threats, and local punitive actions by the British are likely to have any effect.—Our Own Correspondent.

## U.S.-CHINA PARCEL POST

New York, Jan. 30.  
Registered parcel post service with China, which was halted at the beginning of the war, will be resumed on February 2, according to the local Post Office. A maximum 55 lb. per package may be sent to China at 22 cents per lb.—Central News.

## Strange Soviet Protest

Berlin, Jan. 30.  
Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, Soviet Military Governor in Germany, alleged today that 206 Soviet citizens were being held in Bavaria against their will by the Americans under various sentences and in violation of a Soviet-United States agreement signed in 1945.

Marshal Sokolovsky made the complaint in a public letter to General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, which appeared in today's issue of the official Soviet occupation zone newspaper, "Tagliche Rundschau," and in the "Neues Deutschland," the newspaper of the Soviet-controlled German Socialist Party.

The publication in the press of letters of protest from one Military Governor to another is unprecedented. The appearance of the letter was made even more extraordinary by the fact that the four-power Allied Control Council, at which matters of high level disagreement are usually threshed out, was meeting in Berlin this afternoon.

It was later announced that this meeting was postponed until tomorrow at the request of Marshal Sokolovsky. The reason for the Soviet request was not known but postponements often occur.—Reuter.

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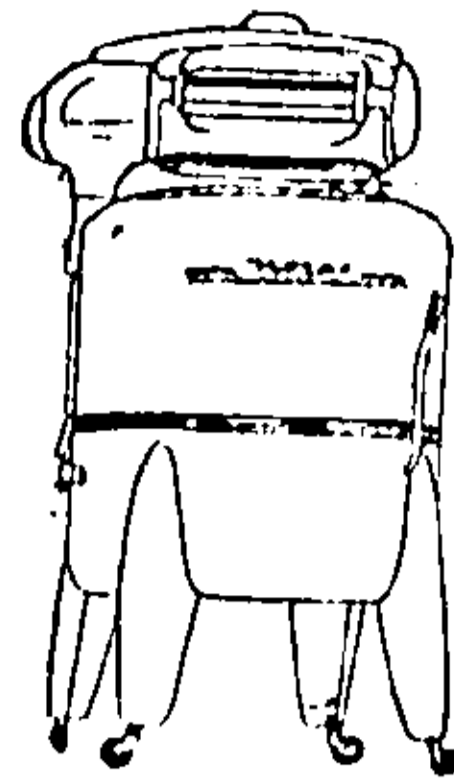
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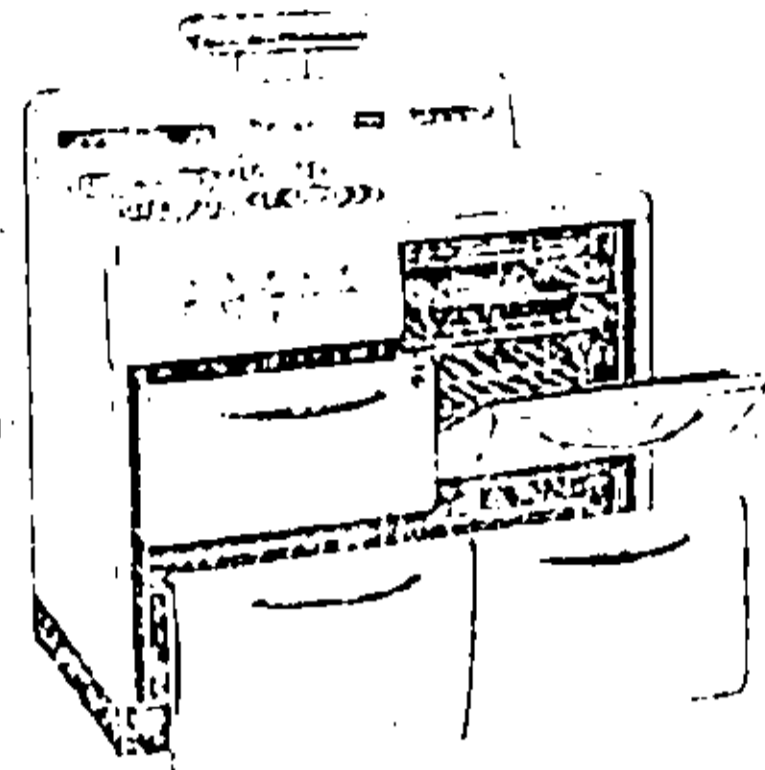
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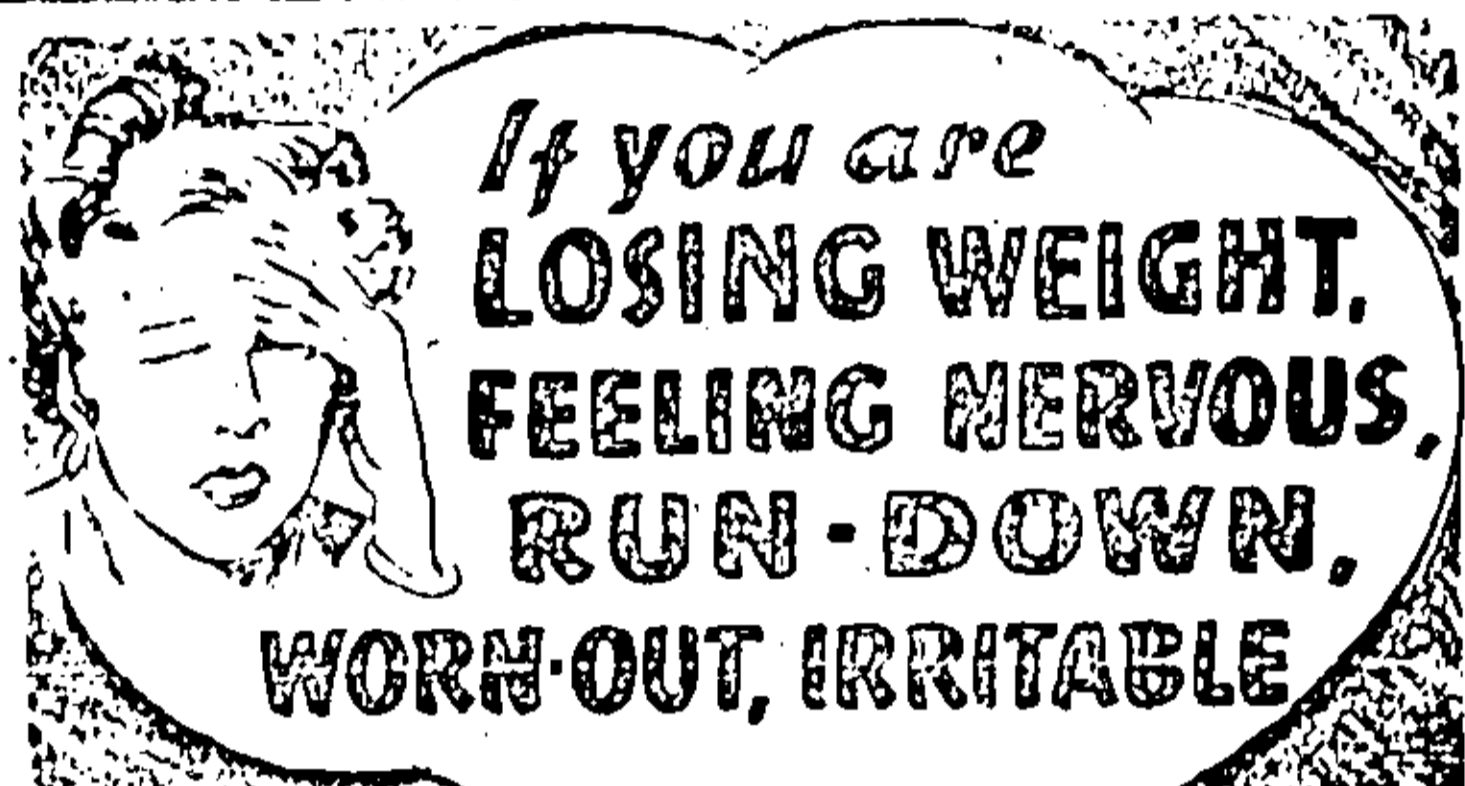
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# MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury

Leaning back in a comfortable armchair in the drawing room of Government House shortly after his arrival in Hong Kong from Japan, Lord Killern who is Britain's Special Commissioner in South East Asia, began answering questions about the main problem affecting the Far East today - the production and distribution of rice.

The tall, jovial peer, who is suffering from a heavy cold as a result of his visit to the colder northern regions, was guarded in his views on the subject. "The number of rice eating mouths," he said, "is increasing enormously every year, whereas the rate of production is still a long way short of peacetime as a result of war damage. Although experts have stated that the rice supplies will not catch up with the demand for another five years, I am not so pessimistic about the situation. The monthly conferences held in Singapore over which I am chairman, have been, and are, of great use to all countries involved in the problem of rice consumption. Included in the countries which send delegates are Ceylon, India, Siam, Burma, Malaya, the Netherlands East Indies, Sarawak, Brunei, British North Borneo and Hong Kong. Our object is to make the many rice involved realize that the solution will be found only when it is realized that it is a common effort, and that an empty stomach is not a British intrigue."

## WORST CORNER

Lord Killern added that although Burma, one of the principal rice exporting countries, is now producing on an increasingly large scale, and Siam's flow of rice is now coming along better than in recent months, it would take a long time before the post-war supply could be reached. "However," he said, "I think we have got round the worst corners. In 1946 there was a time when starvation was not far off, but this was averted. That situation reminds me of Marshal Petain who when asked how the Battle of Verdun was won, replied: 'I don't know, but I do know who would have been blamed if we'd lost it.'"

Comparing Hong Kong's rice supply with that of Malaya Lord Killern said he thought this area was far better off. "In Malaya the rice ration is now four and a half ounces a day per person, while before the war it was four times as much. This amount is made up, as much as possible, by flour and other commodities, but that still not satisfactory to a rice eating people." Asked for his opinion on the formation of the Federation of Malayan States, Lord Killern replied that he thought it a progressive step "in that the Chinese and Malaysians will now (we hope) take a more active part in their own affairs."

## UNIQUE CITY

On the subject of his visit to Japan, Lord Killern who spent three days in Tokyo and also visited Kyoto, the celebrated ancient capital, said he thought the Americans were doing a grand job of work there. On their way

to Tokyo from Hong Kong, he and Lady Killern stayed in Shanghai and Nanking where they met the British Ambassador and Lady Stevenson, and many old Chinese friends, including the Generalissimo and Mme. Chiang Kai Shek, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and his wife. Said Lord Killern: "We were lucky enough also to spend three days in that unique city, Peiping, where we were agreeably surprised to find how little damaged had been the city by the Japanese. One interesting thing I



MR. STANTON HOPE

noticed was that the Chinese people are now taking much more interest in the historic monuments of their own country. At the Forbidden City, there were crowds of Chinese visitors, all extremely interested in their historic past."

Of Hong Kong, Lord Killern had only high praise for the rehabilitation programme carried out, and said: "Of all the places I have seen in the Far East, Hong Kong seems to be thriving the most and the Colony seems to be going ahead very encouragingly."

Lord and Lady Killern will leave Hong Kong for Singapore tomorrow where they will remain until March and then return to England. The 68-years-old Commissioner has had a much travelled career since he first entered Government service in 1905. His appointments have taken him to many countries, including Japan, Bulgaria, North China, Siberia, Egypt, the Sudan and Malaya. His first post overseas was as Secretary to the Garter Mission in Japan in 1906. In the same country he became 2nd Secretary in Tokyo in 1908.

From there he was transferred to Sofia and later to Peking. In 1920 he became acting British Commissioner in Siberia and British Minister to China in 1926/33. His next post took him nearly half way across the world to Egypt and the Sudan in 1934 when he became High Commissioner for these areas. He was appointed Special Commissioner in South East Asia in 1946.

## MR. STANTON HOPE

During the course of the last two years, Hong Kong has received visits from many international authors either in transit to Japan or Europe, or in search of book material in the Colony. Last week, British author Mr. Stanton Hope, who is also a London newspaper journalist and lecturer to the Forces, arrived on his way from Japan. This was his first visit here for forty years, and he was "more than impressed with the progress in industry and building which the Colony has made." A tall, lean man in his late fifties, with searing eyes and greying hair, Mr. Hope spoke wistfully of his many travels all over the world as a member of ships' crews. His first trip here from England was made as a member of the crew of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's ship, the "Empress of India" which at that time was one of three similar ships carrying passengers across the Pacific and the Far East. Hong Kong Harbour in those days, said Mr. Hope, was crowded with ships of all nations, including the Nord Deutscher Lloyd and also many sailing ships. Sampans and junks were far more numerous than today and compared to 1908 the surrounding waters are now nearly empty.

Another memory which Mr. Hope retained of his visit to this part of the world concerned "a Chinese execution ground in Canton where all pirates and robbers were at that time beheaded without trial. This used to occur once weekly in full view of the public," he said "and was a very gruesome sight."

Mr. Hope left Hong Kong on Thursday by R.A.F. transport plane for Singapore. He intends to remain there for a short time before continuing his journey to Iraq with a view to collecting further material for a new travel book.

## PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

A type of school new to Hong Kong, and based on the Dalton Plan, is shortly to be opened here by Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Thomas. This plan has been tried out over a period of more than 20 years both in England and the U.S.A. There are now more than 2,000 schools in England using it, and Mrs. Thomas in her school for girls before the war, found it particularly successful for Chinese students. The essence of the Dalton Plan is that students are not "taught" all the time but are given a certain portion of their time at school every day in which to study.

During that period they are free to allot their time as they please among their various subjects. Another feature of the Plan is that students are given at the beginning of each three or four weekly period, a detailed assignment showing exactly what work is expected of them in every subject during that time.

It is thought that this gives a deeper interest and a greater feeling of satisfaction in the work. Also that by knowing more clearly what work lies ahead of him, a student gets through his good subjects in a short time and can then devote extra time to his weak subjects. Each subject has as far as possible its own set of books for reference. In practice, a student decides to do some mathematics. He goes accordingly to the mathematics room, looks at his assignment and begins work. After a time he keeps a careful record of work done, and goes off to the English room to do some of his English assignment. Not only is he learning some mathematics and some English, he is also learning how to make the best of his time and is developing his own will power and initiative.

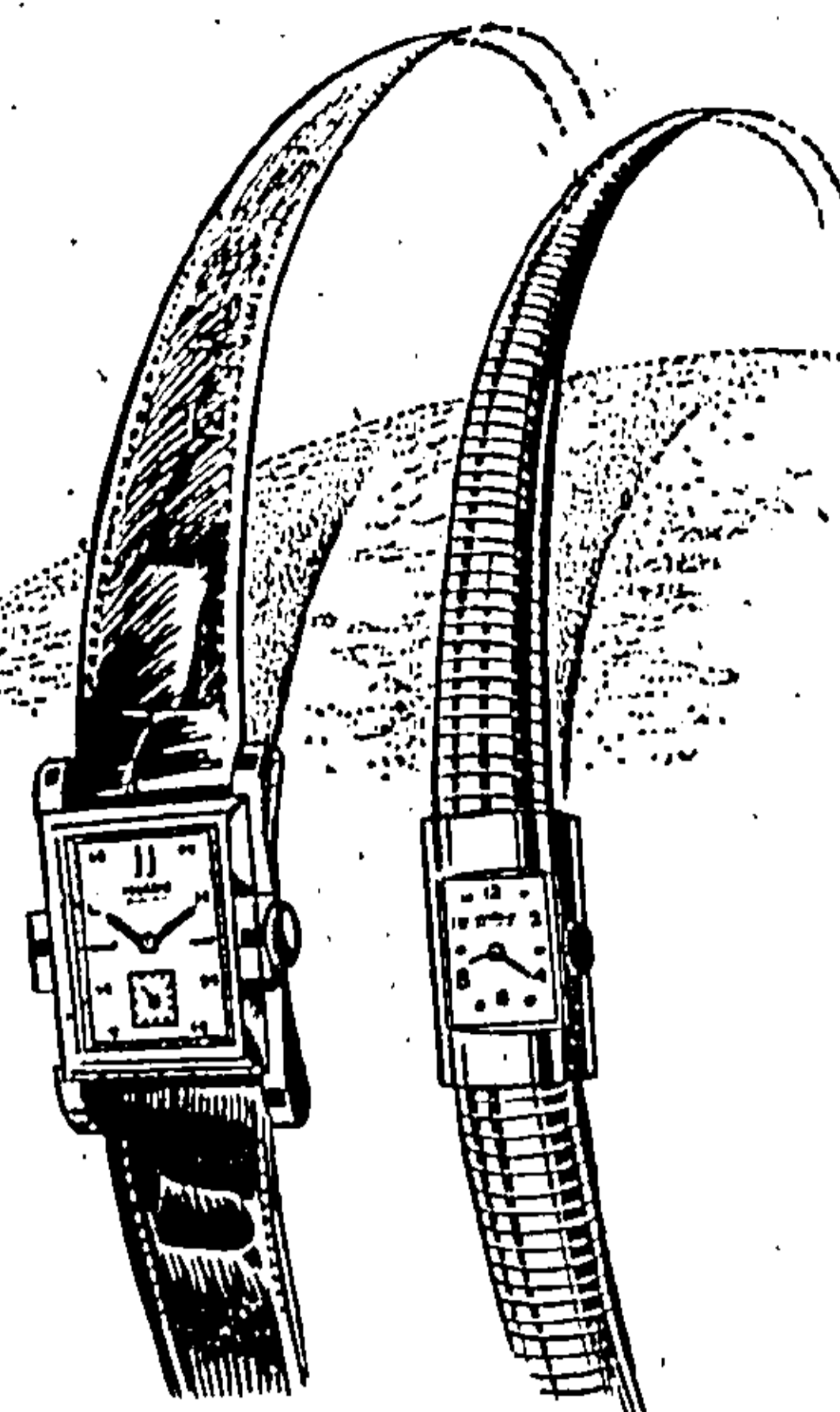
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Most air passengers arriving in Hong Kong from Europe have experienced a night stop, or refuelling interlude at Karachi, now the capital of Pakistan and also the seat of the Sind Government. As a short stay does not always provide the opportunity of exploring a city, the following printed details may be of interest. Karachi is the aerial gate way of India and this has greatly increased its importance in recent years. The large airship hangar at the airport was built to receive the ill-fated R.101 which crashed near Beauvais or its maiden voyage to India.

Being a comparatively new and modern city, there are few buildings of historic interest. In Karachi, but some 12 miles out side the city, there is a sacred crocodile pool. There are three cinemas which show English and American films and several private clubs. Population is estimated at about 360,000 and one of the main industries is fishing. Lowest temperature experienced in Karachi is in January when it averages 50 deg. F. and humidity of 50 per cent. Maximum temperature is in April, May and June, when the temperature is 85 deg. F. and humidity is 71 per cent.

## MR. T. W. KWOK

The decoration awarded to Mr. T. W. Kwok, China's Foreign Affairs Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi which was conferred by the Chinese Government in a proclamation on the 10th January is "The Order of the Brilliant Star (3rd class)". An unusual deviation from the rules was made by the Government in issuing the proclamation at that time, for China has only three Honours Lists each year - on New Year's Day, in May and in October. I learn that there are eight classes to the Order the first two are reserved to heads of State, and Ministers of Cabinet rank.



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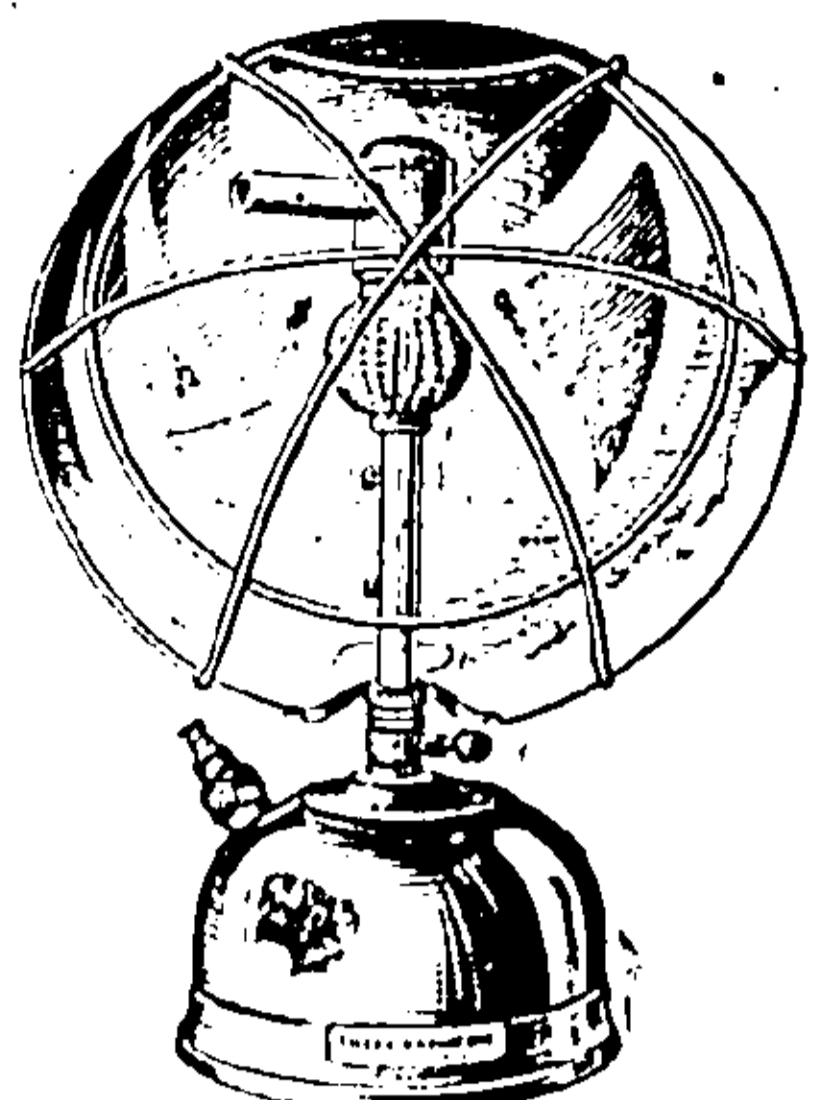
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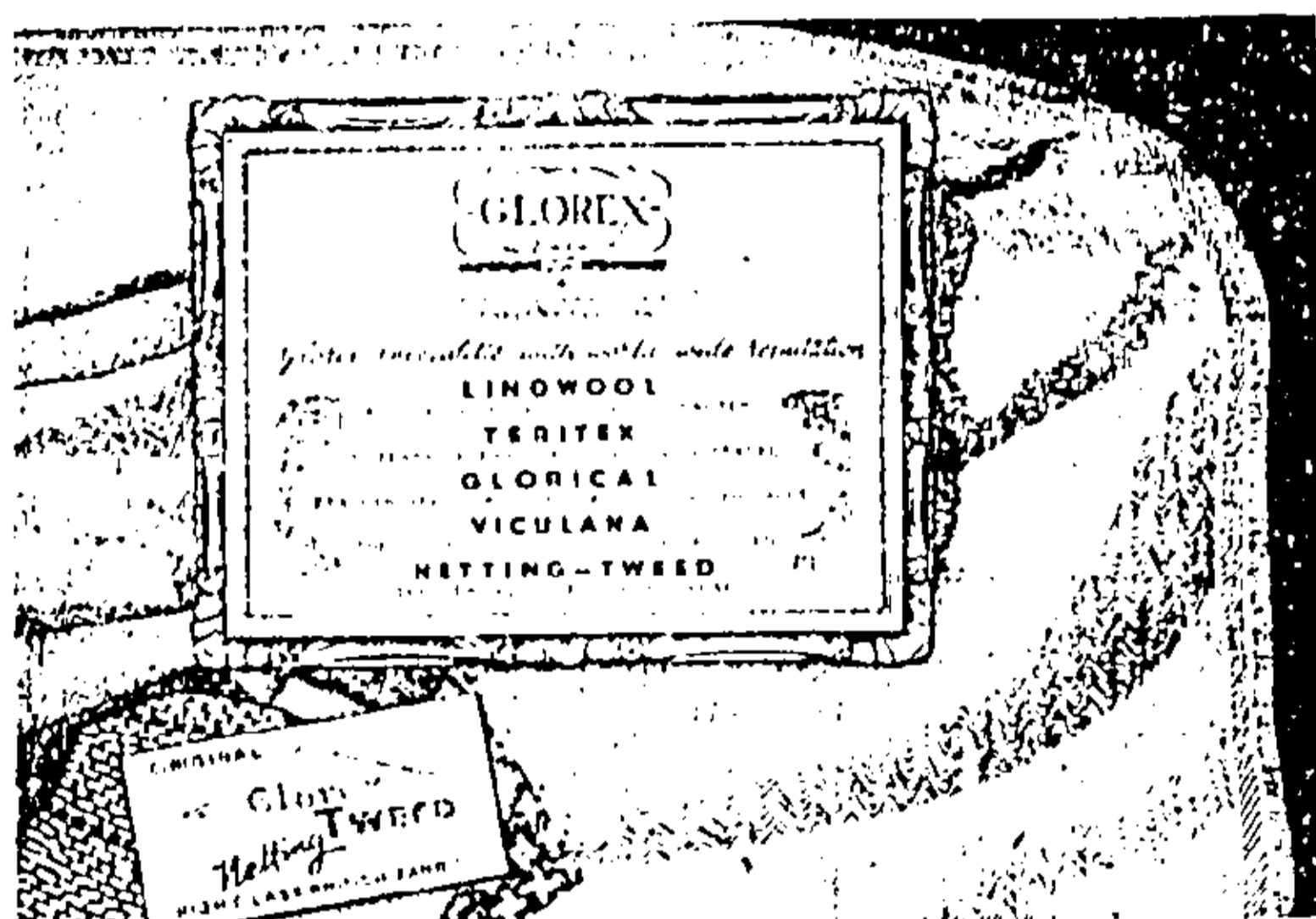
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Every Thursday, in a restaurant in Wardour-street, a firm which manufactures apparatus for magicians gives a furiously jolly lunch for any magicians who may care to come along.

The lunch is preceded and concluded by a furiously jolly get-together in the firm's show-rooms, which are situated just around the corner.

The magicians show one another card tricks and discuss the merits of the vanishing bird-cage. They say out new patter and laugh jolly at the jokes.

I went along there the other day, already smiling.

The room, about the size of a railway carriage, was full of magicians, magic cabinets, linking

links, trick cigarettes, and double-ended packs of cards.

A short magician came up with a serious face. "Excuse me," he said, "would you mind choosing a card?" He extended the pack in a fan.

Some of the other magicians dropped what they were doing and gathered round.

I chose a card from the middle of the pack. There's no point in trying to be cunning with these experts.

I turned the card over. It was a cartoon of the magician himself, inscribed: "ARTHUR DOWLER, THE WIZARD OF COT."

# IN MOSCOW TO-DAY

By an Englishwoman Who Has Just Returned From Russia

When I stepped out of an aircraft at Northolt after flying home from Russia it was like walking into a new world. When I went home and climbed into a divan bed, I thought of the one I had occupied in a Moscow hotel, with plenty of beds and iron work at the head and foot, a high, soft bed such as the Victorians used.

What is life like in Moscow now?

Well, my room in the Soviet capital was warm and at times stuffy from central heating. There were double casement windows to keep out the cold. The furniture in the room was heavy and clumsy, but when you looked through the window you saw the traditional Christmas card scene of Moscow, with its minarets and church towers under a mantle of snow.

I often got breakfast myself because, although the hotel service was willing enough, nobody seemed to have any sense of time.

## Drab Clothes

I boiled the water in an electric kettle to make black coffee. There was never any milk for adults, unless you wanted to pay about 5s. a pint. Russia's children get it priorily, and very bonny most of them look.

Sometimes I was lucky enough to get eggs and I boiled them in an electric ring in my room. In Russia these rings are an important piece of household equipment, because many families live in one room and have no other kitchen facilities.

One of the odd things that strikes you when you walk down the street in Moscow is the policeman blowing his whistle. It is to warn people that they are crossing the road at a point not marked a pedestrian crossing.

Swarms of men and women waiting at a tram stop settle like bees on a tram already overflowing with passengers. Some manage to crowd their way inside; the rest cling to the waiting board.

Oddly enough, the conductor seems to have no trouble—fares are passed from hand to hand till they reach her, and back come the tickets.

The Muscovites look drab. You see fewer fur coats than in London. Most people wear a straight padded coat, colour somewhere between navy blue and lead grey, which flatters nobody's figure, but does keep out the cold. Nobody wears the sort of hats you see here—their ears would be frozen. If you haven't a cap with ear flaps, you tie a scarf or shawl over your head.

You see a lot of babies, but only rarely a pram, and it has

has runners instead of wheels. Nearly all the babies are wrapped up into rigid little bundles with even their faces covered and their mothers carry them.

## Few Grumbles

Moscow's big shops are bright and crowded. They are open until 10 p.m., including Sundays, but are closed all day Monday. It took me quite a time to get used to going shopping after supper. The theatres are also open on Sunday and take Monday as their rest day.

At the theatre, at any rate, I felt at home. One theatre was running Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," another Oscar Wilde's "The Ideal Husband" and yet another Sheridan's "The School for Scandal."

Moscow's theatre is the one little bit of England in Russia. You don't hear people talking much about Britain, though there is no doubt of their interest in British playwrights, particularly our classic writers. Priestley's new play, "The Inspector Calls," had its world premiere in Moscow some months ago.

An Englishwoman in Moscow is still something of a curiosity. I met many people who asked me what New York was like. They did not understand the difference between Britain and America, and thought of both countries as "the Anglo-Americans." That is probably helped by the sort of poster I saw outside a hall advertising a lecture on "The Development of Anglo-American Imperialism."

You can't very well compare the British housewife with her Russian counterpart. The abolition of rationing has not made so much difference to the average Russian as it would do to us here. For some time rations had been only a small part of the Russian housewife's food supply. She could buy as much as she could afford in the open markets, where peasants and pedlars brought produce to sell.

Stalin's new currency regulations have whittled down the savings of everybody in Russia. Yet I did not hear much grumbling. Most people look it philosophically, and said in the long run it might be for the best.

## "No War" Hopes

A ride on Moscow's underground Metro is a good way of getting a close-up of the average Russian. The Metro has stations like marble halls. Smoking is forbidden, and no matter how far you travel the fare is the same and the service is efficient.

Queuing up in the Metro one day I saw a group of youngsters looking at a Russian edition of Shakespeare. I heard a mother with a tubby little boy say to her husband: "The child is growing so fast it is a puzzle to make his clothes keep up with him." The little boy kept saying: "We are going to the circus." And a Russian blonde said to her friend: "I got some smashing nail varnish yesterday."

I heard little talk about the international situation, and it was not often that anybody mentioned the prospect of a war. When they did it was to say: "Why do the Anglo-Americans want to stop us safeguarding our country?"

The ordinary man in Russia knows little of the forces at work in the world, is suspicious of all foreigners, and with the last war vividly in his mind, hopes that he will not be called upon to fight in another.

The other magicians, despite what must have been no little familiarity with this ruse, laughed heartily. Mr. Dowler himself was already convulsed.

I stretched my smile another inch. "Obviously had you there," I said. "I thought something was probably going to fall on my head from the roof."

"Excuse me, is this your shirt button?" Another magician, with a small button in the palm of his hand.

I backed away, to give him room. "No," I said, "no, it's not mine."

The magician made a rapid pass. A perfectly enorm us button took the place of the little one. "That must be it," said the magician. "It's more your size."

"Listen," I said, when some of the hysteria had died down. "I can see where the big button came from. You had it pinned in your other hand. But where has the little button gone to?"

The magician seemed surprised. "It's underneath the big one," he said. It was just a simple trick to pass the time. He didn't want any fuss made about it.

The other magicians looked at me rather oddly. They like a mental age in their victims of something more advanced than three.

"Well," said Mr. Dowler, resuming us "what about lunch?" He put his hat on. It sprang high into the air. This restored everyone's good humour, and we



trooped down the stairs. Mr. Dowler led the way, one leg very stiff and creaking. "The cold weather," Mr. Dowler explained. I think he had the creaker concealed in his left hand.

We were received in the restaurant by Jasper Maskelyne, wearing a beige check suit, regimental tie, and cigarette holder.

As we sat down Mr. Dowler picked up a plate and bit it. There was a loud crack. He was seen to be chewing something. I knew I was going to get indigestion before the lunch was over.

During lunch I asked Jasper Maskelyne nearly 40 questions about magic, thinking, perhaps, that something good might slip out. I always think the real pleasure in a trick lies in finding out how it's done. If you just sit there saying, "How marvellous," you might as well as Jo-Jo the Imbecile Boy.

Mr. Maskelyne said he could balance a lady on the point of a sword and cause her to revolve. He confessed he was surprised by the popularity of this trick. There was really nothing to it.

He agreed that light and mirrors had something to do with many of his more surprising illusions. He said that even if he explained how they worked I would probably understand very little of the method.

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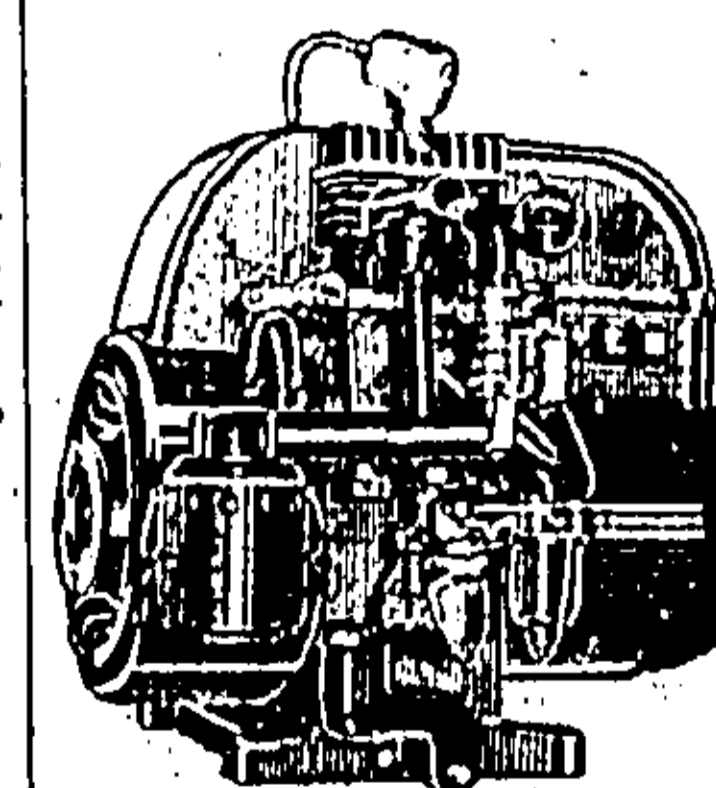
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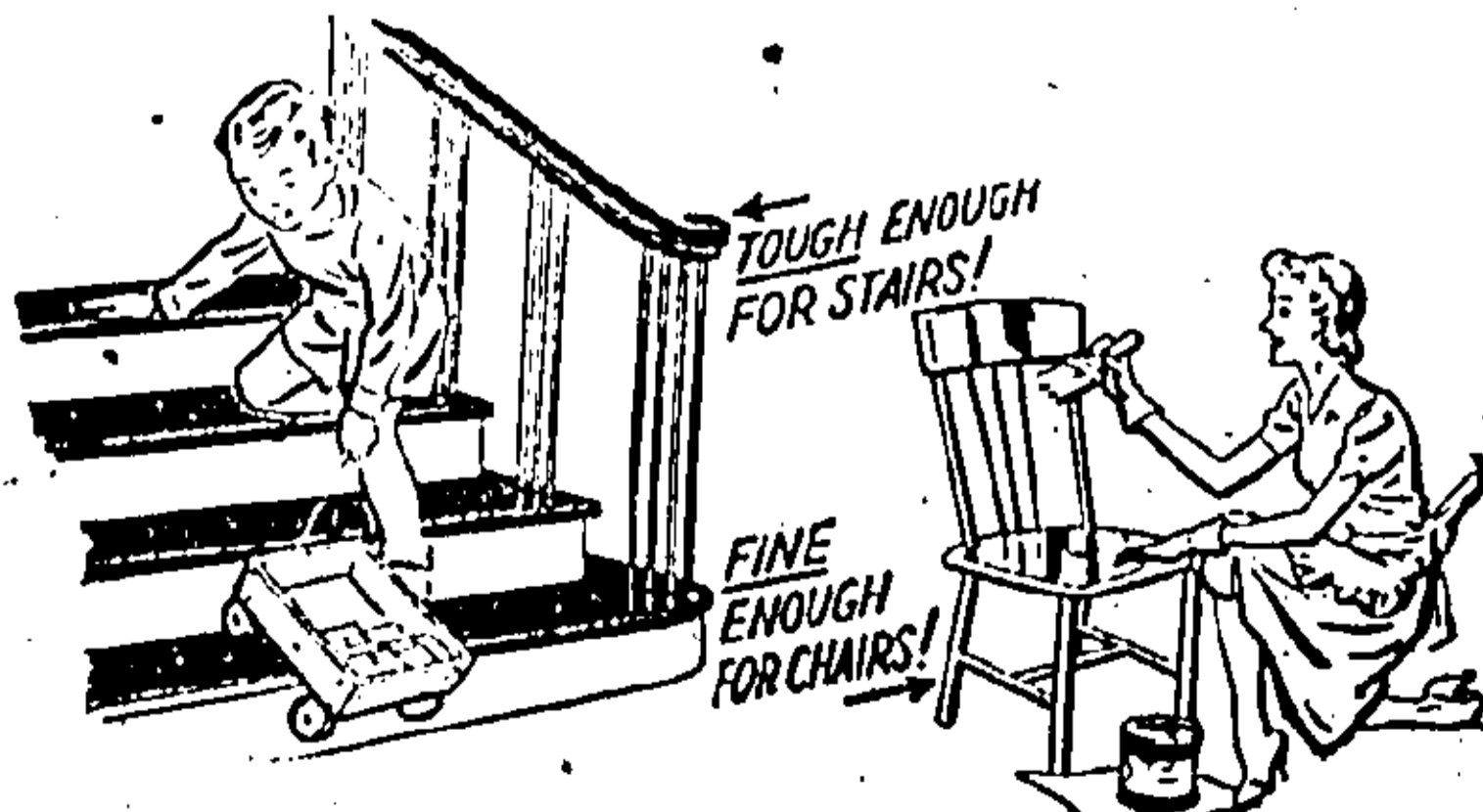
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## DANISH BUTTER FOR BRITAIN British Coal, Petrol For Denmark

London, Jan. 30.  
Two-thousand tons of Danish butter and a quantity of bacon will reach Britain next week, Danish agricultural producers announced here tonight.

These are the first shipments of butter and bacon since October last year. In return Britain has agreed to send certain industrial materials and goods needed by Denmark.

Meanwhile, the Danish Consul-General, Mr. R. Vestbæk, who led the Danish delegation when Anglo-Danish trade talks were resumed here early this month, is returning to London next week for a further discussion on terms of the proposed Anglo-Danish trade and financial agreement.

An agreement was reached on butter and bacon prices and quantities subject to embodiment in the general agreement before the delegation returned to Copenhagen a week ago for consultation.

Britain has offered 321 shillings 6 pence per hundredweight.

weight for 70 percent of Denmark's exportable surplus of butter, and 226 shillings per hundredweight for 80 percent of exportable surplus of bacon. The prices compare with the British offer of 252 shillings per hundredweight and the Danish demand for 342 for initial agreement.

## "Offensive Alliance"

Washington, Jan. 30.  
The U.S. State Department tonight made no comment on a "Chicago Tribune" report from Washington that Britain and the United States had reached a "secret understanding tantamount to an offensive alliance" in connection with the Marshall Plan.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman tonight categorically denied that there was any such "understanding." The "Chicago Tribune" report said that the plan was known in "inner circles of the United States Government" as "the Washington Charter" and provided for Britain to receive the "lion's share of the Marshall Plan Aid" in return for supporting the United States. If that country "should be attacked by Russia or in the event that the United States should declare war,"—Reuter.

ter in the September negotiations.

The British offer for bacon at that time was 173 shillings per hundredweight and the Danish demand was 237.

If the general trade and financial agreement makes it possible to supply 70 percent in the British offer, Denmark would expect to send to Britain about 70,000 tons of butter in one year and about 25,000 tons of bacon.

### Britain's Offer

It is understood that Britain has offered about 800,000 tons of coal, petrol and fuel oil (about £4,000,000), 50,000 tons of iron and steel and an unknown quantity of textile raw materials.

Together with other goods wanted by Denmark, the total value would be about £17,500. Steel is considerably less than half of Denmark's estimated needs.

Britain also proposes that most of sterling earnings should be spent on British goods not on the list of essential requirements. It estimated the total sterling earnings should be about £32,500,000 per year. This means some £15,000,000 would have to be spent on non-essential goods.—Reuter.

## Canadian "Red Spy" Case Ends

Montreal, Jan. 30.  
The last of the 18 Canadians put on trial after the investigation of espionage for Russia which began in 1946, was today sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

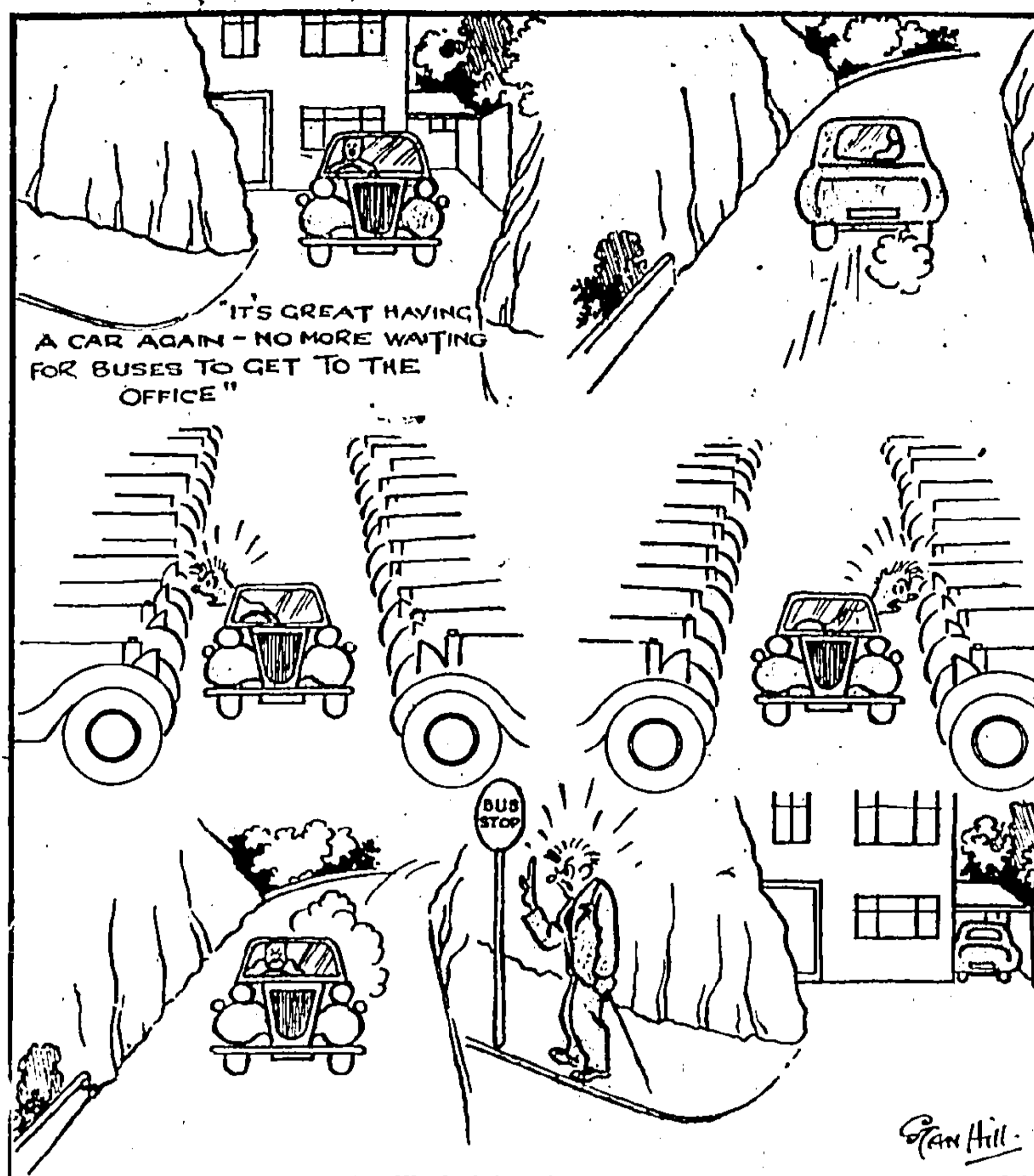
He was Dr. Raymond Boyer, formerly a scientist at McGill University, who was specifically accused of passing secret information to Mr. Fred Rose, former Labour Progressive (Communist) member of the Canadian Parliament, who is serving a six-year sentence. Dr. Boyer appealed against the sentence and will remain out on bail pending outcome of the hearing.—Reuter.

### U.S. PROPAGANDA

Washington, Jan. 28.  
President Truman today signed legislation giving permanent status to the State Department's "Voice of America" broadcasts in foreign countries. The broadcasts, which have been costing \$12,000,000 per year and will shortly cost \$17,000,000 have up to now been on a year-to-year basis.—Reuter.

### PARKING

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## Nationalisation Of Gas Industry

London, Jan. 30.  
The British Parliament will shortly be plunged into another nationalisation controversy. This time it is gas. A Bill to nationalise the making and distribution of gas is ready, and will be presented in a week or two.

This is the third stage in the Government's policy of placing fuel and power in the hands of the State. Coal has already been taken over and electricity will soon follow.

The gas industry knows nothing yet about the terms of the transfer.

It will oppose the Bill on the general ground that nationalisation will prejudice efficiency and economy; that bureaucratic administration and the absence of competition will raise the price of gas, apart from rising coal costs.

It is understood that the Government—having possibly learned from experience in the mining industry—intends to set up a different form of administration for gas. There is expected to be a National Board, which will be concerned with broad policy and finance, with 12 area boards, each responsible for the running of undertakings in a defined district, and a large number of relatively small operational units, each charged with the detailed operation of a small group of undertakings, or as may be in some cases, detailed operation of a single big undertaking.

The industry has argued, apparently with effect, though the argument does not prejudice its opposition to the Bill—that if there must be nationalisation administration should be largely decentralised, in the interests of the 40,000,000 domestic consumers.

There are 1,050 separate gas undertakings in the country, one-third of them municipal, the rest private enterprise undertakings. The invested capital is estimated at £262,000,000. Some of the municipalities are Labour controlled and while

## Panama Tanker Blows Up

Paris, Jan. 30.  
Thirteen survivors of the 4,015-ton Panama tanker "Panchito," which blew up and sank off the French Atlantic port of Lorient yesterday, reached Lorient today on board a French fishing vessel. They included a Spanish stewardess who made the number of saved one more than previously reported. They said 18 of their comrades were killed by the explosion or drowned in the heavy seas, as the "Panchito" was steaming towards Antwerp from Spain with a cargo of minerals. The "Panchito" was captained by a Czech, was

### "ANDY HARDY" IS ILL

London, Jan. 30.  
Mickey Rooney, the film star, who is suffering from vaccine fever after a vaccination, is being flown back to the United States for treatment.

A second opinion was called in and a bulletin last night from Dorchester Hotel where he was confined to bed, said: "He is rather ill."—Reuter.

Hamburg, Jan. 30.  
All 1,600 clerical workers in the British Zone of Germany will hold a 24-hour protest strike next Tuesday against their food rations being lower than those of manual workers.—Reuter.

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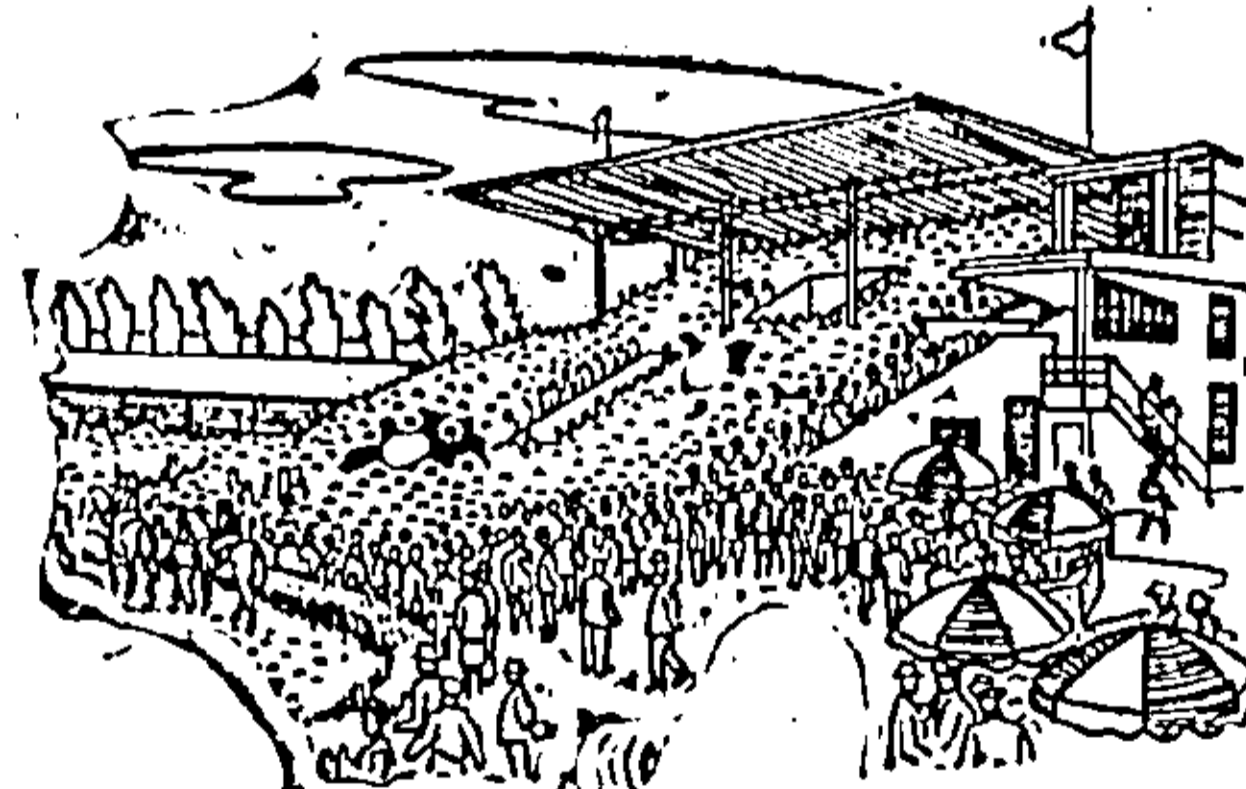
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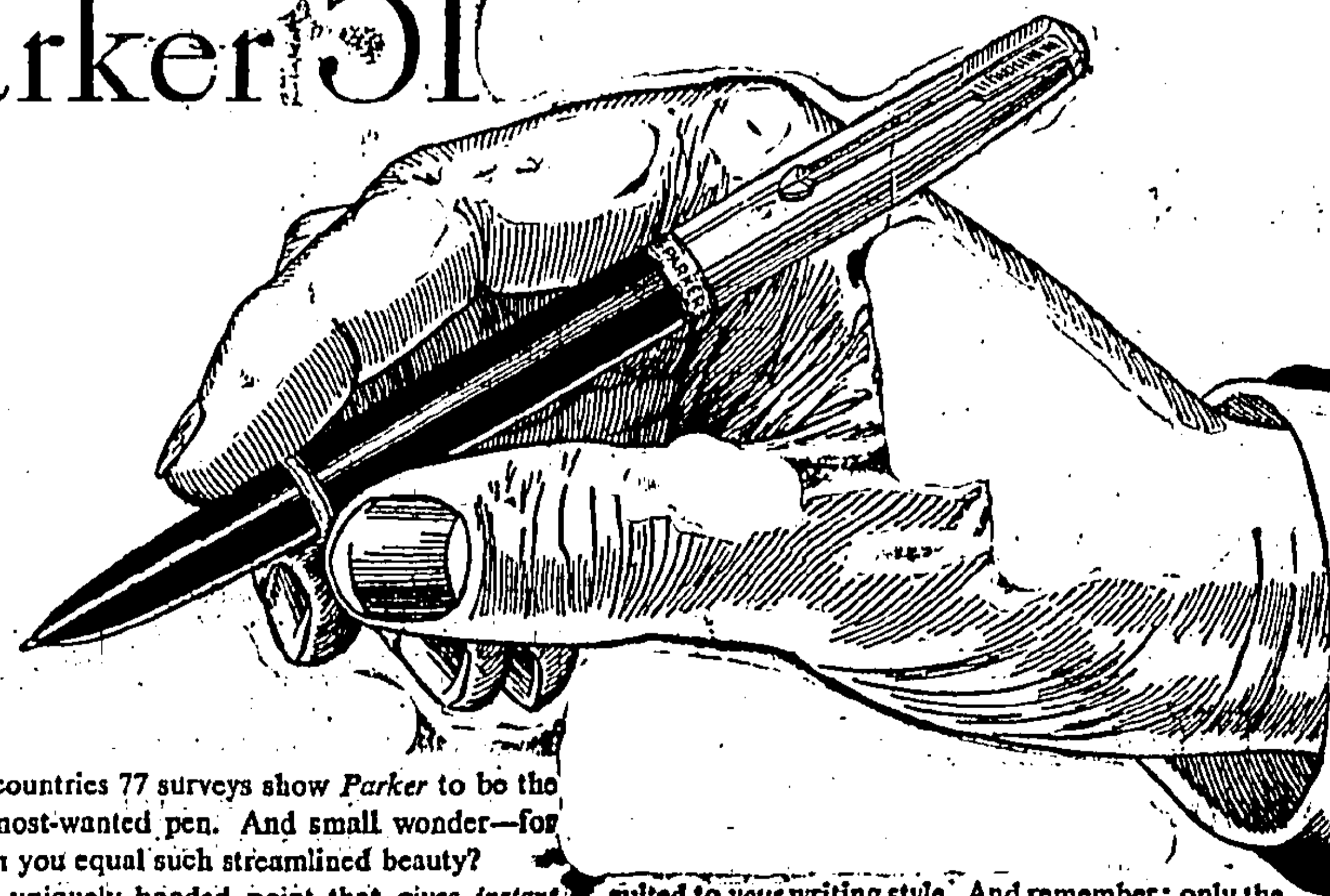
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## THE MAHATMA GANDHI

Hong Kong, in common with the rest of the world, stunned by the tragic death of the Mahatma Gandhi at the hand of an assassin, shares India's grief. For India and the cause of communal peace and harmony in India, the loss is irreparable: for the millions outside India who recognised in him a moral and spiritual leadership unparalleled in modern history, even when political disagreements were sharpest, his death, quite apart from the distasteful circumstances, can appear only as a world calamity.

What the outcome of this sad event will be, none can easily predict. His martyrdom could, miraculously, achieve the tremendous purpose of the last months of his life, the unity of a nation, and the salvation of the common people of India of all religions, to whom he rendered such immense services. It is impossible to obscure the fact that his murder has occurred at a crucial period in the history of India. The consequence may be, either to shake the conscience of the people of that vast continent that the great responsibility of their newly-gained independence, will be accepted, or to raise the turmoil that has disfigured the land since August last to such a vicious pitch that the end cannot be foreseen.

No greater monument to his memory could be erected than an India in which, casting aside all feelings of animosity, the conflicting communities determined to work together to realise the aims for which the Mahatma struggled so persistently and selflessly throughout his life. It is indeed, the earnest wish of all India's friends, sharing in the deep sense of sorrow which today afflicts the nation, that the spectacle of this almost inconceivable crime will cause extremists to pause and to think and now to dedicate themselves to the cause which which Mahatma held so deeply at heart.

Gandhi was not an easy man to deal with. Besides being India's greatest political and religious figure, he was also one of the most intransigent. Throughout years of negotiation in the conclaves of the Congress Party, as well as with the various representatives of the British Crown, his line of thought and reasoning were fixed and rigid. He consistently refused to adapt his views to changing circumstances. His principles of progress were clearly settled in his mind—if they appeared to conflict with the facts of the moment, the facts had to be changed to suit his views. His non-violence theory and his civil disobedience campaigns appeared to be incompatible, but the Mahatma took no account of counsel or criticism, and arrest and imprisonment left him entirely unmoved.

Never, however, did he fail to gain the esteem and respect of his political adversaries. Never was his sincerity or his honesty of purpose called into question. He was the friend of Viceroy as well as of Untouchables. In himself he symbolised the spiritual values of a nation, and he lived up to the highest ideals by the exercise of a tremendous moral strength which none could challenge or deny.

Inconsistencies, he had them and many; his philosophies were varied too as he went from strength to strength in moral stature, but none of these things could or can alter the fact that he rose to the heights of greatness and that he will go down in history as the principal architect of an independent India.

Such men come all too rarely in our generations. It may be long before the world sees and recognises his like again.

# PROBLEMS OF THE CHINESE ARMY

By H.G.W. Woodhead, C.B.E.

No-one can doubt that, led by Officers and N.C.O.s whom he trusts, properly clothed and fed, and assured of monthly pay which will care for the actual needs of himself and his family, the Chinese makes an excellent soldier. We had proof of the fact between 1898 and 1900 in Weihaiwei, after that area had been leased to Great Britain.

A Weihaiwei Regiment was raised by voluntary enlistment, offered by Britons, and with a considerable percentage of British Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s. It received its baptism of fire, and acquitted itself admirably, in the attack upon the Boxer Garrison of Tientsin Walled City. Thereafter these sturdy well-disciplined Shantungese were in great demand for the Police Forces in the British Municipal Area at Tientsin, the International Settlement in Shanghai, and in Hongkong. No other Chinese military unit since their disbandment, including the German-trained 87th and 88th Divisions in 1937, or the American-trained units of the Pacific conflict, has attained a better reputation for discipline, fighting qualities, and morale.

### A Secret

Today with the possible exception of Soviet Russia, the Chinese Republic maintains the largest military forces in the world. Like that of the Soviet Army, the strength of the Chinese Army is kept secret. It numbered some four million officers and men in 1937-8, and, if the conscription rate was maintained, should have reached a total of at least twelve million (less any permanent losses) by 1944. It is commonly estimated that China has an arm (on paper) of four to five million men, today. But everyone knows, alas, that statistics on paper relating to any branch of the Chinese administration frequently bear no relation to realities. It has been the custom from time immemorial for Chinese (Communists and Nationalists alike) to overstate the numerical strength of their units in order to draw the rations, clothing and pay of non-existent personnel for their own benefit. Even during the conflict with Japan they frequently reported Divisions of ten thousand, of which the strength did not exceed six thousand, many of whom were physically unfit for any form of active service.

The strength of the Chinese Army is supposed to be maintained by conscription laws, under which definite annual quotas are allotted to all cities, districts, and provinces under Nationalist control. It was for example, recently announced the 80,000 recruits (of whom 6,000 would come from the Shanghai area) were to be conscripted in Kiangsu Province.

### Conscription

Conscription is generally recognized to be the fairest method of distributing the burden of national defence—it is honest and efficiently enforced, with due regard for age, physical condition, and exemptions for various forms of indispensable work. The machinery for such enforcement does not exist, and never has existed, in China, with the natural result that corruption and inefficiency have dominated the entire system. The well-to-do could buy themselves off, or bribe recruiting officials to kidnap men who were doing much more important work, or who in any other country would have been exempted by reason of their age or physical unfitness. In many cases

conscription has meant a death-warrant, to maintain the fantastically large, and largely inefficient, Army, that burdens the Chinese people today. The standard of living throughout China is such that were military service made attractive—were soldiers treated as citizens instead of animals—there would be an oversupply of recruits from voluntary enlistments. If the population of Kiangsu is, as I imagine, about forty million, its quota of 80,000 recruits would only require an enlistment of one person in 500. (On that basis Great Britain would only have been able to raise a Volunteer Army of 90,000.) Conscription in China can only be regarded as necessary because military service is so hateful, and so akin to slavery, that not even the poorest could voluntarily enlist.

### Poor Showing

The Army of today is kept up to the required strength (on paper at any rate) is probably largely responsible for its poor showing against, and repeated reverses at the hands of, the Reds. Men who are ill-clad, ill-trained, and ill-armed cannot be expected to fight with any élan, especially against their own countrymen. Furnishing them with additional modern arms, munitions and equipment will not pave the way for winning crucial battles. If the struggle against the Reds is to be won it will be necessary to reorganize the whole Army from the rawest recruit upwards. And this is a task which China cannot possibly undertake, and which is doubtful, today, whether her American friends could achieve, unless employed in executive rather than advisory capacities.

In a recent article in *Life* magazine, which attracted considerable attention and criticism—Mr. William C. Bullitt urged that the training of ten new Divisions, for another 20 Divisions, (or say 300,000 men in all) should be equipped with jeeps, half-tracks, small arms, machine-guns and 75s to act as mobile units against the Reds in North China. Mr. Bullitt was optimistic enough to think that the new Divisions could be trained within six months or a year. But even he realized that radical military reforms would be necessary to give the Chinese Army any combatant value. Among those he listed were: retirement of half the Generals and a third of the other Officers of the Army, this being the number considered incompetent or corrupt; both reduction of the role of the Army by half, first by removing non-existent troops, and second by disbanding units of the lowest quality; quadruple the pay of all officers and men who remain in the army, and double their rations; punish severely all officers and men who after having been given a living wage, are guilty of graft. These are, of course, counsels of perfection. To the fifty per cent. of the Generals to be retired as incompetent or corrupt the Army is a lucrative racket, and it would probably be a long time before the Government's powers and authority to attempt to oust them. He would almost certainly be confronted with a series of dangerous mutinies if he attempted to do so.

### No Need

I have said that given certain conditions conscription is the fairest method of distributing the burden of national defence. Those conditions do not exist in China today. Moreover there is no real need from the viewpoint of national defence, or of civil

war, to maintain the fantastically large, and largely inefficient, Army, that burdens the Chinese people today. The standard of living throughout China is such that were military service made attractive—were soldiers treated as citizens instead of animals—there would be an oversupply of recruits from voluntary enlistments. If the population of Kiangsu is, as I imagine, about forty million, its quota of 80,000 recruits would only require an enlistment of one person in 500. (On that basis Great Britain would only have been able to raise a Volunteer Army of 90,000.) Conscription in China can only be regarded as necessary because military service is so hateful, and so akin to slavery, that not even the poorest could voluntarily enlist.

The pros and cons of American aid to China, financial, and military, are now being argued both in China and the United States. Mr. Bullitt advocates both. He wants large supplies of surplus American arms and munitions supplied to China, though the most likely result of adopting this policy would be to augment the armaments of the Reds. He wants Americans to train and equip ten new Divisions, and General MacArthur appointed to organize with the Generalissimo a joint plan for preventing the subjugation of China by the Soviet Union. To have any chance of success this project would require much more radical action than has been attempted by American Military Advisers in the past.

### The British N.C.O.

Though the work of British Commissioned Officers with the Weihaiwei Regiment must not be underestimated, the backbone of the unit was the British N.C.O. He alone by close and almost hourly contact with the men—like Kipling's "Sergeant Bhatismam"—could gain the loyalty, and inspire the confidence, of his charges. Sending out scores of American Generals, Colonels and Majors will not produce a really efficient Chinese Army unless, through efficient subordinates, they can maintain contact with, and watch over the welfare of, the men from the day they are recruited, until they are led into action for the first time. It is more than doubtful whether the Generalissimo, who broke with the late General Stilwell on the issue of implementing military reforms through the extension of American authority, would even allow a comrade to any American Military Mission the powers necessary to reorganize the Chinese Army. It is probable, also, that any such suggestion would result in another spate of anti-American agitation. Yet pouring more money, and additional supplies of arms and munitions, into China, for the purpose of halting the advance of the Reds, is certain to fail of its purpose unless the Central Government can get rid of the hundreds of thousands of useless troops at present on its payroll, and create, with the least possible delay, a force whose efficiency, loyalty, and morale can be depended upon in any emergency. Armies of ill-clad, half-starved, badly armed and untrained men, resentful at being dragged from their homes under a system of conscription which enables the wealthy privileged classes to obtain exemption from military service, are not likely to prove worthy champions of any cause, or indeed to be able to understand that they have any cause for which it is worth while to risk their lives.

# What The Chinese Press Is Saying

Wah Kiu Yat Po: The Franco-Indo-China question has been dragging on for more than two years without any solution being found. Apparently, France is determined that Indo-China should remain a French colony. It has been reported that M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China has presented ex-Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, with a four-point proposal to bring about peace in Indo-China.

The first point supposedly gives Indo-China independence within the French Union. But other points put control of military and diplomatic affairs in the hands of the French. This is hypocritical. If Indo-China is satisfied with these proposals, accepts them and makes peace with the French for such a long period as two years?

The 1941 Franco-Indo-China Agreement recognized Indo-China as an independent state. But, Bollaert's four-point proposal, in fact does not contain the slightest vestige of independence. It clearly illustrates the unchanged colonial policy of the French—a policy of enslaving the Indo-Chinese forever.

### "Only France"

Indo-China is to France what the Philippines were to America, and what India and Burma were to Britain. Since the end of World War II, the Philippines, have repeatedly criticised the

French for not being sincere in dealing with Indo-China. If the reported four-point proposal made to Bao Dai by Bollaert is true then France is determined to enslave Indo-China for ever. Bao Dai may be pro-French, but he is a native of Indo-China. His conscience will forbid him to accept the proposal.

Hua Kiang Pao: The recent announcement of the Hong Kong-China Customs Agreement brought forth two kinds of reaction from industrial and commercial circles. One was that from now on it will become more difficult than previously to carry on business. The other reaction, while pointing out that the Agreement is the first concession of its kind in the last 40 years granted to Nanking by the British, was that it must obviously be beneficial to the Hong Kong Government otherwise the latter would not have signed it. The general conclusion is that restrictions on imports into south China will soon be lifted.

Will the restrictions be lifted? There is no evidence of this in sight. But, we are convinced that even if the import restrictions are lifted, bona fide overseas Chinese industrial and commercial interests will reap but few benefits.

### Face Facts

Let us face facts. The current depressing situation of industry and commerce in China as well as in Hong Kong is mainly the

# MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

By ATTICUS

The conferment of the Companionship of Honour on Miss Margaret Bondfield and Miss V. Sackville-West will meet with the warm approval of both sexes of His Majesty's subjects. Both are women who have set themselves the highest standard and have achieved it.

Of Miss Sackville-West it can be said that her great literary distinction is recognised far beyond the confines of the British Commonwealth. She is of retiring disposition, dislikes public functions and lecturing, and devotes herself to her literary work and to her gardening in which she is an expert. As the wife of Mr. Harold Nicolson she had her fill of diplomatic life and did not like it. That was one of the reasons why, to the benefit of his readers, and I am sure, to his own satisfaction, he abandoned his diplomatic career.

Miss Bondfield has a fine record of good works and social services. As the first woman Cabinet Minister she will have her place in history. She was a capable and industrious Minister and much liked in the House.

She has another quality which is perhaps not so widely known. I have lectured more than once in the United States. Almost everywhere I went the women's clubs told me that Miss Bondfield was the best woman lecturer we had ever sent to the United States.

### Sir James Milne

With the nationalisation of our transport system, Sir James Milne has retired from the general management of the Great Western Railway after 43 years of efficient work which will give him a permanent and prominent place in the history of British railways. He joined the Great Western in 1904, began at the bottom and knew thoroughly every branch of the business before he became general manager in 1939. Clean-shaven, quiet and mildly benevolent in manner, he is easily approachable and can always see the other man's point of view. He is sparing of words, but dominates most arguments by the extent of his knowledge and the wide range of his technical experience.

During the recent war he ran the Railway Executive Committee which looked after rail transport. Probably his toughest job was when the Cabinet selected him to get them out of the coal transport jam last winter. He did it with conspicuous success.

He lives for his work, keeps himself wonderfully fit and looks younger than his 64 years. In his retirement he is not divorcing himself entirely from railway interests. After a short visit to South Africa next month, he will join the Board of the Leopoldina Railway Company.

### Truman and Peace

Welcome as it was to the world, President Truman's New Year message reaffirming his belief in peace and in the United Nations does not seem to accord with American public opinion. The message almost coincided with the release of the latest survey of the National Opinion Research Centre. The Research Centre had asked the American public two questions:—

(1) Do you expect the United States to fight in another war within the next 25 years?

(2) Do you think there is anything the United States could do to prevent a war?

The answer to the first question was "yes" by 63 per cent.

outcome of the monopolistic control of trade by the four big families, who are also responsible for the decline of the National currency.

To further their selfish interests and monopolies, they have advanced a step further to Hong Kong. Using the Customs Agreement as a blind, they are out to strangle overseas Chinese industrial and commercial interest in Hong Kong. Obviously they want to monopolise Chinese trade and commerce in Hong Kong. Under such circumstances what chance will the ordinary merchant have?

Just look at the South China Regional Committee of the Import-Export Board. How many of the ordinary traders have been able to qualify to import goods into South China?

Those who dream of obtaining just a mere drop of business will find their hopes completely shattered.

of the public. This is a formidable reversal of the verdict on the same question in 1945 when the "yes" answers were only 32.1 per cent.

To the second question cent. replied "yes," 30 per cent. "no," and 15 per cent. expressed no opinion. "Of the 55 per cent. who said "yes," 38 per cent. favoured various measures of conciliation; 17 per cent. expressed their belief in a policy of toughness.

### Difficult Mission

A most unenviable man is Sir Horace Seymour, head of the United Nations Balkan Mission which had to spend Christmas and New Year in its dangerous and almost hopeless task.

Fortunately, Sir Horace is used to tight corners and is the right man to send to them. He is a man of few words, admirable equanimity, and great courage; the kind of courage, in fact, which, when he was ambassador in Chungking, earned the high and not easily won praise of General Carton de Wiart.

Quiet and almost retiring in manner, he is firm in action. When he does speak, it is always to the point and frequently with a touch of cynical humour which effectively clinches further argument.

I remember when as an assistant in the Foreign Office, he presided over a room of juniors. Also there was an elderly temporary clerk who was much given to telling stories of the Poina Colonel type. They were good stories but were repeated too often. On one occasion he was recounting for the nth time a long story about duels between scorpions and centipedes. "And believe it or not," he said solemnly, "the centipede always wins."

"Better forewarn, I suppose," said Seymour.

### Cyclopan

### Marksmanship

Lately back from Africa, where he has been finding a commercial opening for his son, is Lieutenant-General Sir Clifford Le Queene Martel, D.S.O.

A pioneer of mechanised warfare he built a two-man tank in his backyard at Farnborough in the 1920s, "Q" Martel is keenly interested in the transport problem which the huge areas of Central Africa present. As a student of logistics, he believes that military experience is far more valuable in these great open spaces than it is in a country where close-mesh networks of rail and road already exist.

"Q" must be one of the unluckiest of senior soldiers. After active service in the 1914-18 conflict, an energetic period of military development between the wars, and the sight of action again in 1940, he was wounded in his club in Pall Mall. A Hun bomb shattered a picture, and fragments of glass pierced his right eye and destroyed the sight.

His main concern was whether he could ever handle a sporting gun again. He had a 12-bore built with a special cast-off and swung daily on to imaginary targets until his left eye did duty. His pertinacity was rewarded. In his first grouse drive after his accident he scored a right and left.

### Spa Or—

Public opinion, in Czechoslovakia is temporarily diverted from world affairs by a conflict which is of interest to English people. The Czechoslovak Ministry of Defence intends to establish an artillery range in the triangle formed by the three world-famous spas of Marienbad, Karlsbad and Jochimsbad.

Marienbad, called since 1918 Mariánské Lázně, is the most threatened, and its local council has appealed for support. Founded towards the end of the eighteenth century, it was a favourite resort of Goethe. Its international fame was established by King Edward VII, whose rooms in the Hotel Weimar are still pointed out with pride to visitors.

I was there, often between the two wars, when it was always full, boasted a golf course and an English professional, and had a golfer of amateur-championship class in M. Edgar Milhals, the present Dutch Ambassador in London. I re-visited the place last June. It was semi-deserted. Nevertheless, I think this pleasant spa will win its battle against the Defence Ministry. Even today the vast majority of Czechs prefer the butter of tourists to the guns of their own soldiers.

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## "TRIPOLI IS DRY EARTH"

How Britain Runs An  
Ex-Italian Colony  
By G.D.K. McCormick

There is an old Arab proverb which says: "Tarabius Turab Yabis," which means "Tripoli is dry earth."

That saying is certainly true today, for since December 1946 there has been complete drought over the whole quarter million square miles of Tripolitania.

The resultant failures in crops and livestock followed by widespread famine and distress have considerably added to the problems of the British Military Administration responsible for the running of this ex-Italian colony.

I have seen a good deal of Tripolitania in the last few weeks, and I do not hesitate to say that but for British administration there would be an appalling situation in that country with probably an outbreak of cholera as serious as the recent one in Egypt.

For, make no mistake, Britain has done a good job here. We have stayed off an extension of the famine by organising poor camps outside the towns where underfed Libyans are housed and fed until something more practical can be done for them. And the British Army from the private soldier upwards has helped to raise money for a Tripolitanian Relief Fund that has netted £4,000 in four months.

The British Tommy is our principal ambassador in this land. He has a tedious job, often being posted far into the interior at some lonely camp on the edge of the Desert. Transport is limited, as for that matter are roads and railways. It is almost as difficult for the soldiers at a Desert outpost to get "town leave" to Tripoli as it is for them to get leave to the U.K.

And those who are based in the comparative comfort of Tripoli's fleshpots have only two possibilities for short leave—always if they can get the transport—Malta, a claustrophobic island at the best of times, and Tunis, which is considerably less attractive than Tripoli itself.

However, the troops make the best of it, and some of them get invitations to spend short leave on the farms of Italian peasants.

Tripoli impressed me as being the cleanest city in North Africa. The street cleaning squads are kept well up to the mark, and after a lengthy association with other North African

towns and their accumulated garbage and filth I found the hand-some modern buildings of Tripoli and the superb town planning with its broad spacious avenues a pleasing, almost an exhilarating contrast.

Mussolini poured millions into developing what was supposed to be his model colony, and to be fair—as far as material things go he did a good job here. The result is that today Tripoli probably offers the best value in houses of anywhere in the world.

Rents are cheap. An attractive, modern villa with superb bathrooms, two storeys, works out at about £5 a month. For £8 it is possible to rent a small mansion. A very nice little flat costs only about £2 10s. a month. The reason is that practically all houses are of recent build and are equipped with the most up-to-date fittings. All the same there are very few vacant houses.

Today the magnificent Fascist palaces are occupied by the military, and the luxury hotel specially designed for the Fascist version of the Nazi "Strength Through Joy" cruise parties is now an officers' club.

But except for his own planning—and that to a large extent was fostered by the genius of Balbo—Mussolini left a legacy of misery, neglect and political problems which the Administration are still trying to sort out.

During the war he closed all schools, killed off hundreds of Libyans, and abandoned any pretence of real social services. Best job the British have done has been as regards education. Today there are 173 schools for both Italian and Arab children, including secondary education.

British officers, many of them with life time of administration in the Sudan, have set about teaching the natives the principles of citizenship with good results. Ninety-seven per cent. of the civil police force consists

of Libyans, while there are now Libyan lawyers and Arab courts of justice.

The native, used to ruthless treatment from the legions of police poured into the country during the Fascist regime, is taking time to get accustomed to his sudden liberation. Not unnaturally there are some who take advantage of the leniency of the British administration, and pilfering and house breaking are at the moment on the increase.

Under the Italians there was a death penalty for natives who cut down trees. Now this extreme punishment has been abolished there is a spate of tree demolition which needs to be checked.

There are five Arab parties, all clamouring for independence but no one seriously imagines that Libyans, who are children in the democratic arts, are yet fit to administer themselves.

Friendliest to the British are the Italian farmers in the interior, for they have not been dispossessed of their lands as they feared. Least friendly are the town dwellers. I saw no signs of fraternization between Italians and British troops in Tripoli itself despite the fact there is no "non-frat" ban.

There are some 6,000 British subjects in Tripoli, excluding our troops, and a large number of these are Maltese. There is, in fact, a large Maltese Colony, and the Maltese feel that a lengthy practical reward to the "George Cross Island" would be immigration facilities for bombed-out Maltese in Tripolitania.

Tripoli's harbour is strewn with wrecks which it is hoped to raise and

clear shortly. But a great deal of work will have to be done to make the port really efficient once again. More important at the moment is the splendid airfield of Castel Benito, one of Britain's chief air links with the Middle East, Europe and South Africa.

Excellent meals can be obtained for about 150 M.A.L. (Military Administration Lira)—six shillings and sixpence. For 50 lira more you can get quite a good half bottle of wine. Pastry shops abound, and—here I give full marks to the Administration for their enterprise—British hops have been introduced to a local Government sponsored brewery which turns out Tripoli beer. It is much praised by the troops.

There may be a subtle reason for this beer making. The chief alternative drink in the cafes is anisette, a potent local aperitif as colourless as water but which turns to a milky hue when water is added. Anisette is liquid dynamite which does dreadful things to your liver. If you wake up after an anisette hangover and are rash enough to drink a glass of water, intoxication recommences.

Shop bargains are few enough and most articles are expensive. But many officers who have villas in Tripoli have secured bargains in furniture. Brand new complete dining room suites cost about £40. They hope they may be permitted to bring them to the U.K. eventually.

British housewives' biggest problem is that of the servant. During the Italian occupation servants were almost entirely Italian. No attempt was made to train native servants. Now the British housewife is coping with language difficulties with Arab servants and teaching them how to cook and clean. One major's wife told me her Libyan manservant served up dinner on a bowl which he placed in the middle of the dining room floor surrounded by cushions.

## GLANCES AT BOOKS

"My River," by Wilfred Gavin Brown. (Muller, 10s. 6d.)

A pleasant, smooth-flowing book, mostly about angling, but with some shrewd observations of the birds and beasts which haunt our English waterways. Appropriately illustrated by Reginald Lionel Knowles.

"Burning Gold," by Robert Hardy Andrews. (Hurst and Blackett, 12s. 6d.)

In the romantic historical novel American story-tellers have recently struck it rich. Here's an introduction to the piratical adventurers of the early 18th century. Plenty of blood and thunder, with a generous share of love-making.

"The Life and Art of W. Heath Robinson," by Langston Day. (Herbert Joseph, 25s.)

Heath Robinson was a hard-working commercial illustrator who displayed now and then an erratic touch of genius. A biographical sketch of the quiet and unassuming man to whom we are in-

debted for so many funny, and some uncanny, drawings.

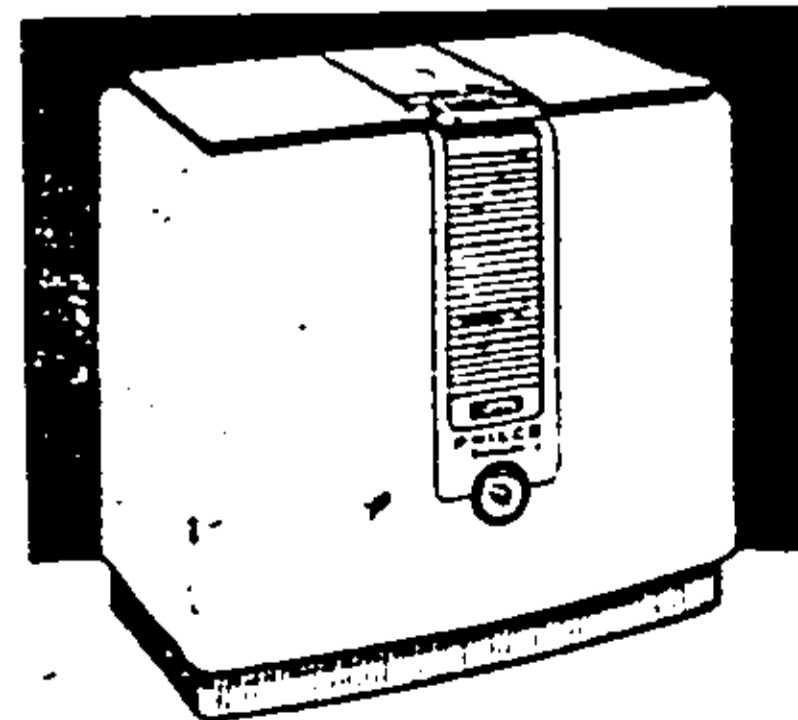
"The Order of Release," by Admiral Sir William James. (Murray, 18s.)

An important contribution to our understanding of John Ruskin, one of the most gifted, and today probably the least-read, of the great Victorian writers. This is the story of his unhappy marriage, told from the point of view of the charming and seductive young woman who lived with him, in a state of wedded neglect, from 1848 to 1854. Ruskin's love-letters, written during the engagement, are as perplexing as they are beautiful.

"Teresa," by Austin K. Gray. (Harrap, 12s. 6d.)

A biography of Byron's last mistress, Teresa Guiccioli, the blonde, sentimental young woman (described by the poet's unkind friends as pretentious, dull, and dumb) with whom he settled down during early middle-age and from whom he parted—not altogether regretfully—on his way to Greece and death. A readable, informative, if somewhat undistinguished, volume.

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### Bad Show

It has been estimated by highly paid estimators, Elinor, that if all the wise winged words spoken by members of the present Government in favour of compulsory education for the masses were to be clipped from *Hansard* and scattered to the four winds, then this cultured country of ours would be knee-deep in precious paper.

Yet where are we today, girl? We can tell you in one sad sentence. *Never in living memory have so many people capable of reading been offered so damnably little to read.*

We mention this strange fact here because the other day for two weary hours we combed the bookshops of London (population: 8,202,818) and failed most signally to buy a single copy, either new or secondhand, of any of the following standard classics:

*Wuthering Heights.*  
*Satyricon of Petronius.*  
*Tacitus.*  
*Boswell's Life of Johnson.*  
*The Golden Bough.*  
*Hashit's Table Talk.*  
*Lamb's Essays.*  
*Treasure Island.*  
*Oxford Book of English Verse.*  
*Pride and Prejudice.*  
*Alice Through the Looking Glass.*  
*Diary of Samuel Pepys.*  
*History of Tom Jones.*  
*The Way of All Flesh.*  
*Crime and Punishment.*  
*Andersen's Fairy Tales.*  
*Any book by Henry James.*  
*Any book by Anthony Trollope.*  
*Any book by Turgenev.*  
*Hiya, Minister of Education, pal!*  
*How's tricks?*

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## NEWS QUIZ

1. France, on January 25, devalued the franc, and established a free market in gold and certain hard currencies. Do you know the new rate of exchange to the sterling pound?
2. Hong Kong (br-r-r-r) temperatures reached the record low this week with 38.8 degrees last Monday. This equals the record for January, which was established in.....?
3. Earthquakes which continued for four days and killed over forty people rocked a small Philippine city this week. What is the name of the town?
4. Scotland, with 789 points, is leading in the national coal output competition, for which a trophy has been offered. Do you know the name of the trophy?
5. Although there has been little progress on the Kowloon eviction issue this week, the question of Canton reparations has been settled. What has been agreed upon?
6. Peers and peeresses flocked into the House of Lords to hear a vital debate this week, filling the House to capacity, and even jamming the corridors. What bill was debated?

(Answers in Page 4)

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. The summer's coming at us again in a few months, bringing its rain with it. All you can do then is be thankful you're not somewhere else, say the wettest place in the world. Do you know where you'd be if were there?
2. Do you know what conditions make a British subject? Apart from legal intricacies, there are five main laws which can give a person British nationality.
3. At least six composers have based a work on Shakespeare's tale of the "Merry Wives of Windsor." Can you name four of them?
4. Sticking to the subject of music, do you know the real name of the English composer Peter Warlock?
5. King Gustaf V, born in 1858, is still an active man, interested in embroidery and his favourite sport, tennis, which he no longer plays. Do you know the official title of the King of Sweden?
6. Surrey, Middlesex and Cornwall are three of the counties of England—and of one other place. Do you know which part of the world has given these names to its three "counties"?

(Answers in Page Two)

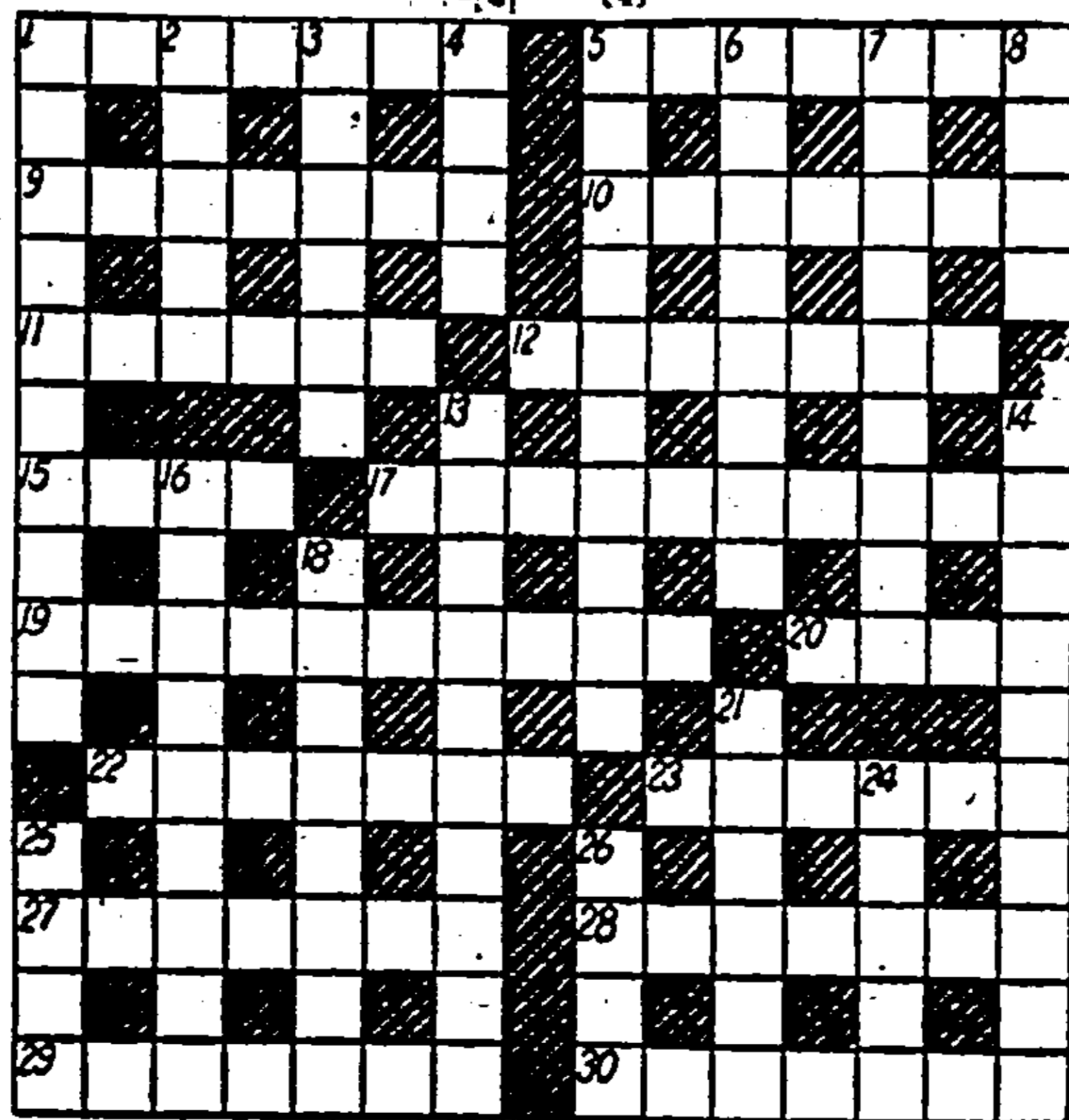
## CROSSWORD No. 41

### ACROSS

- 1, 5 It's a long time off for most people at present. (7, 7)
- 9 Hide workers, in the pudding perhaps. (7)
- 10 By degrees his system will show if it is a 5 down. (7)
- 11 "Possessed a thought and claims the — of a tear" (Byron). (6)
- 12 Make music with method in it for a dance movement. (7)
- 15 This, mother, is a famous entertainment. (4)
- 17 A lorn shecat in Lincs. (10)
- 19 Places of entertainment, by the way. (10)
- 20 Is it a smelly river? (4)
- 22 Of course to him, the present season is all stuff. (7)
- 23 New Year gifts, perhaps, to some deserving people. (6)
- 27 If it's a 5 down this sort of 30 should be warm. (7)
- 28 A donkey to cry about, just now, as funds and supplies permit. (7)
- 29 Doubtless children don't feel this about Santa Claus. (7)
- 30 Even an under one is put on one. (7)

### DOWN

- 1 This service lasts from one year to another. (5, 5)
- 2 A lord, who might be named. (5)
- 3, 18 Bits of them, no doubt, are still hanging about. (9, 5)
- 4 It provides music in its turn. (4)
- 5 Do the 3, 18 by their fruits, promise another like last year's? (4, 6)
- 6 This, presumably, will have a notable spring. (4, 4)
- 7 I'm not dead, but restrained. (9)
- 8 An austerity Christmas makes one long for days of this. (4)
- 13 Friday's, no doubt, have provided a few 26s. (10)
- 14, 25 We lent ours, with 25, for making in a few days. (3, 11)
- 16 It should be still in place for the 21. (9)
- 18 See 3
- 21 Any one of any two under the 16. (6)
- 24 The best Christmas present for a soldier. (5)
- 25 They move with an electric charge. (4)
- 26 Just a little drink during the 28. (4)



**SOLUTION TO No. 40.**—Across: 1 Lamasery, 5 Rumpus, 10 Betimes, 11 Ordinal, 12 Robert the Bruce, 15 The Bells, 16 Ghetto, 19 On time, 20 Grow more, 22 Around and about, 25 Couches, 26 Scholar, 28 Tadema, 29 Intrigue.

Down: 1 Liberation, 2 Mat, 3 Somerset Maugham, 4 Resettle, 6 Under the weather, 7 Panic, 8 Sold, 9 Dozen, 13 Blest, 14 Forest tree, 17 Troco, 18 Grandson, 21 Adjust, 23 Round, 24 Scot, 27 Leg.



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## BRIDGE

By YARBOROUGH

Did you solve your bidding problems last week? Here are a few more, in continuation of the series. The last will possibly surprise many 'experts' if they do not look at the answers prior to making their own bid on the hands.

Question 5.—North One Heart, East Two Clubs, South Three Diamonds, West Three Spades, North Pass, East Four Spades. What should South say holding:

S—A 7 4 D—K Q J 10 2  
H—Q J 9 6 3 C—none

Answer.—Five Clubs. Evidently East and West are going to sacrifice in Spades to stop a slam contract in Hearts. By bidding Five Clubs (a lead directing bid after doubling a slam bid in Spades) South can increase the price which opponents will pay for a sacrifice bid by getting some ruffs.

Question 6.—West Pass, North One Spade, East Double. What should South say holding:

S—Q 9 7 2 D—Q 4  
H—none C—K J 10 8 4 3 2

Answer.—Four Spades. South has a perfect fit for Spades, and must do his best to shut out an adverse bid in Hearts.

Question 7.—West Pass, North Pass, East One Heart, South Pass. What should West say on each of the following three hands:

(a) S—10 9 8 6 3 2 D—Q 4 3  
H—8 C—Q 7 6  
(b) S—10 9 8 6 5 3 2 D—J 9 2  
H—none C—J 9 4  
(c) S—Q 10 8 2 D—A Q J  
H—10 8 7 6 C—9 2

Answer.—One Spade in all cases. Hand (c) is not strong enough for a jump to Three Hearts, and is too good for a discouraging bid of Two Hearts. There remains only the change-of-suit bid of One Spade. On hands (a) and (b) One Spade can be bid because it can be followed by a minimum rebid in Spades, a definite sign-off.



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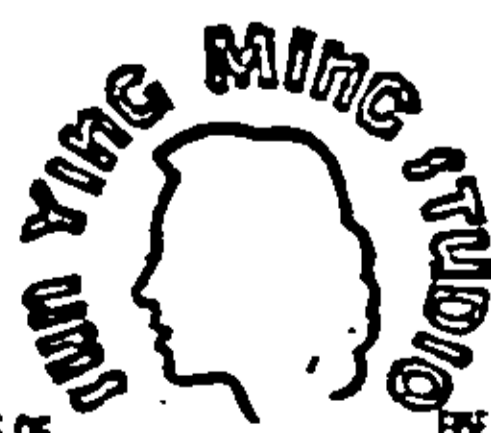
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# Talking about Films

## Loving Thy Neighbour

We are now so used to the Hollywood—yes, and British—habit of producing a murder-story as if it had been specially written for the screen by Edgar Allan Poe—a nerve-racking fantasy steeped in darkness, cluttered with corpses, punctuated by screams and swamped by the thunder of incidental music—that it has become a positive pleasure, I feel, to see a motion-picture that deals with a crime in the way it might actually have happened. "Boomerang," which we saw last year, was decidedly the best example of realism in crime-films The Unfaithful, to be released soon, in spite of being a rather over-emphasised sermon on the matter of fidelity in wedlock, is a feasible account of how a killing, though committed in self-defence, might affect the lives of two very happy people.

The plot has little depth, and is, in this instance, all the better for that reason. Instead of having one's brains subjected to the strain of piecing together a score or so of quite impossible situations in order to arrive at some equally impossible solution, we are concerned with but three not unreasonable factors.

One is that a wife, being attacked by an intruder when alone in her home, stabs him with a desk-knife in sheer terror. The second being that she tells the police the man was an unknown thief who had come for her jewellery; tells them this so that she might conceal from her adoring husband the fact that once, during the war, she had been unfaithful to him with the man she has killed. The third factor is that a sculptured likeness of the wife, modelled by this same intruder, comes to light to prove that she was indeed known to her.

### The Tatlers

That's all there is to the plot. The rest simply deals with the desperate efforts of this girl to keep her husband from learning of her infidelity, and the idle tatlers who, by their malicious prattle, make her plight so much the sorer. A mischievously realistic scene reveals the expressions of sadistic delight on the faces of a horde of women stampeding into the courtroom where this repentant lass is on trial for murder.

It is not so very much a murder story as a lesson on loving thy neighbour. As a condemnation of slander it is a success. When I tell you that Miss Eve Arden, in films always an

amusing exponent of the cool insult, is the leader of these tale tellers, you may see one of the reasons why it is successful.

Lew Ayres has a good role as the kindly, soft voiced lawyer who, being a friend of the family, tries to keep harmony between the man and his wife, even if he is apt to be a little too preachy. The wife is Ann Sheridan, whose performance is very creditable, and the husband is Zachary Scott, who, according to some of our own gossip, bears a striking resemblance to your correspondent.

"Night Beat" starts off in a promising manner when two Commandos Don and Andy (Hector Ross and Ronald Howard), leave the army and join the police, much to the disgust of Julie (Ann Crawford), who is the fiancée of one and sister of the other.

It very soon becomes a hackneyed melodramatic affair, in which the reckless Andy gets sacked from the Force and takes to crime, and Don, in a sort of heroic Lionel Strongheart burst of self-righteousness, ropes him in and puts him away on a three month stretch. Not because he wants to, you understand, but because it is his bounden duty.

This naturally gives Julie the pip, and so she marries a Black-Marketeer (Maxwell Reed) out of pure spite. Now, Anne Crawford can do very much better than shown here, as witness her artistry in "The Master of Bankdam." But the fault, dear Brutus, lies not in herself, but in the piffing lines she must utter.

### Pity for Miss Norden

Also in the story is Christine Norden, in the role of a loose, gum-chewing, dance-hall minx who speaks the intermingled dialects of Manhattan and Hoxton. The aim appears to be to portray Miss Norden as a British Elizabeth Scott or a Lauren Bacall. It is a mildly successful venture, for she has the face, the legs and the lazy manner of a film siren, and she can waggle hips and croon about June in the best American manner.

It is a pity, though, for Miss Norden herself that she is not permitted to be anything more than a copy of what, after all, is not the kind of Transatlantic cinematographic performer—I won't say "actress"—from whom we expect any degree of histrionic ability.

She, too, could probably do better were it not for the limitations imposed upon the acting of anybody unfortunate enough to be classified as a "type." A "type" is only required to have legs, not acting ability. Miss Norden proved to have some ability in "Mine Own Executioner." Why not exploit it?

### Early Days In Films

Two young film saboteurs decided to make a feature film. They tapped friends, including the late C. M. W. H. "The W. H. of Ward Street," and a lot of contacts, then, Deutch, for a day.

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Betty Compson, an American star, was reported at the time of her death to have been in a car accident. She was opposite at one time to her salary. Four months later, she appeared in one scene where playfully four men were by there, the McLord. One of them was Victor.

And "Woman to Woman" produced in 1922, was a success, on both sides of the Atlantic. It started the reputation of the two salesmen, Michael Balcon and Victor Saville.

But the next Compson film was a flop. "I've had plenty of flaps," says

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WATCH FOR THE OPENING DATE

Balcon, but that was the daddy of them all," M. Danischewsky tells the story in "Michael Balcon's 25 Years in Films."

The film was called "The Prude's Fall," and it broke everything, including the partners. But Balcon, gathering himself up, started the famous Gainsborough Pictures with a capital of £100.

Balcon, now head of Ealing Studios, has, at some of the early films, including "D. W. Griffith" with Ivor Novello as an expelled public-school boy who asked the headmaster in a caption: "D. W. Griffith, sir, that I shall not be able to play for the Old Boys?"

## Current Shows

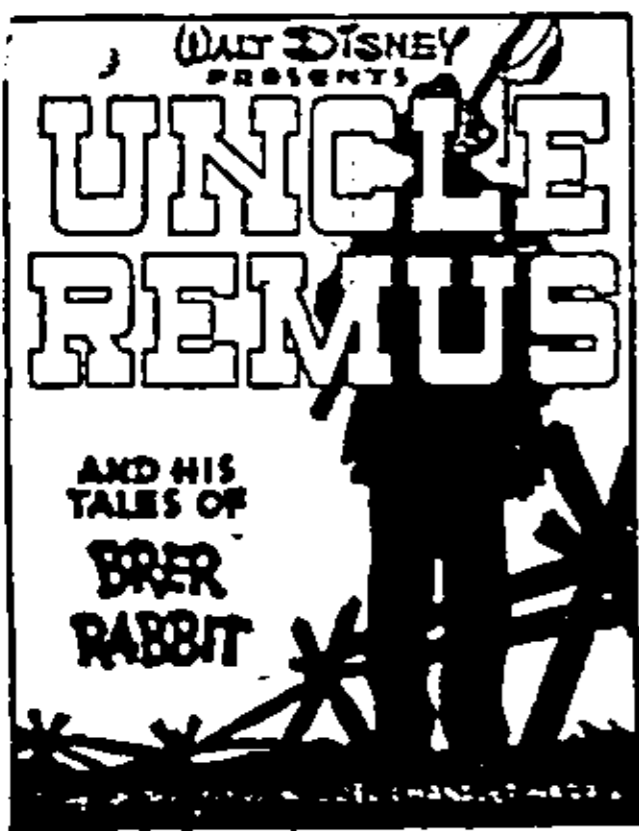
Queen's.—"The Sea of Grass."—Tracy and Katherine Hepburn, not an easily imaginable combination, but actually well-balanced. If action is wanted, this is the film of the week.

King's.—"Holiday in Mexico."—A lively technicolour film, with Walter Pidgeon, Jose Iturbi, Ruddy McDowell and Jane Powell. Nothing intense about this. Good entertainment.

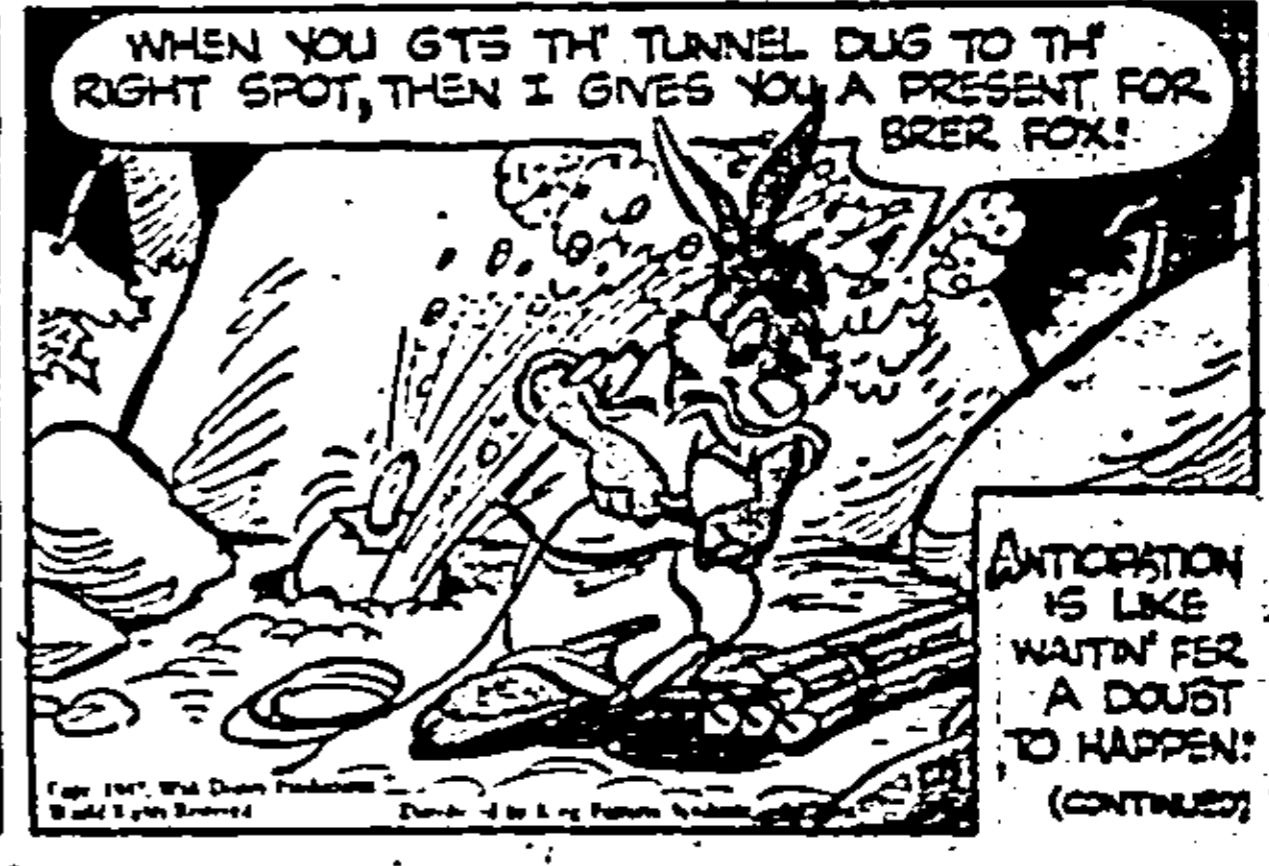
Alhambra.—"Go West Young Lady."—An amusing variation on an old theme. Mainly musical.

Central.—"The Boy from Stalingrad."—A war relic, but passable.

Oriental.—"Song of the South."—Walt Disney in a new experiment. Already reviewed.

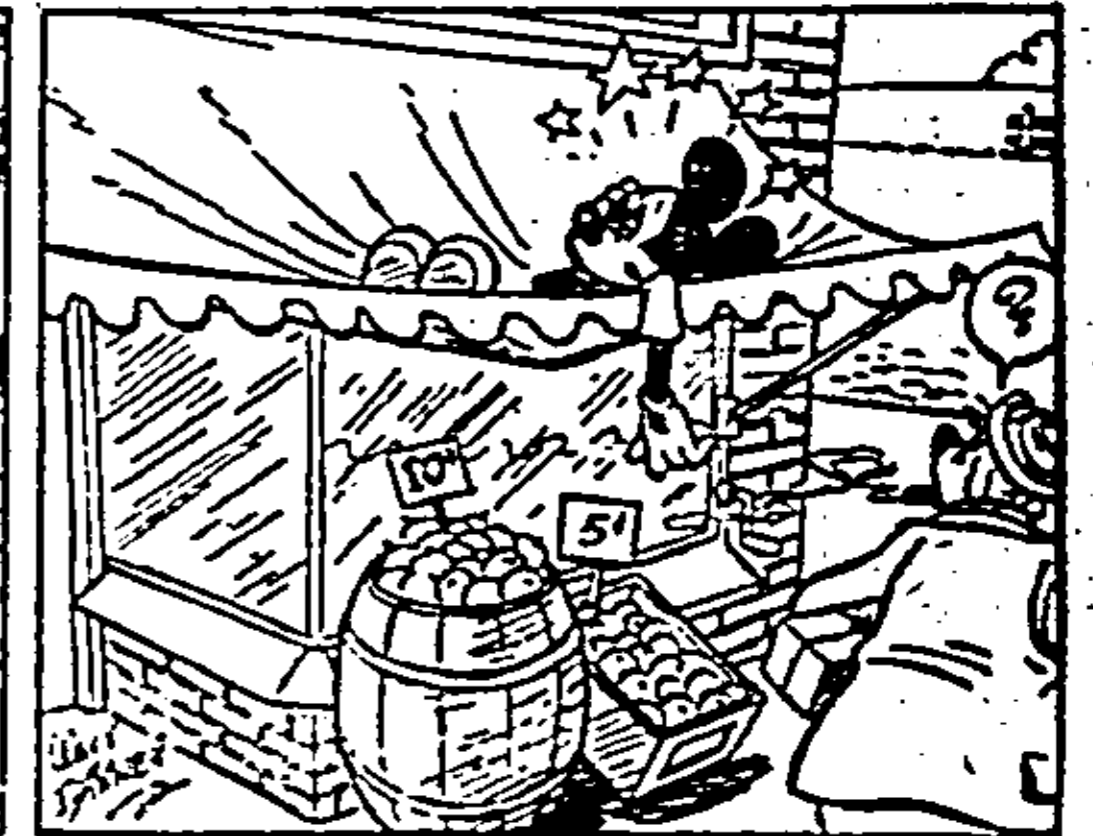
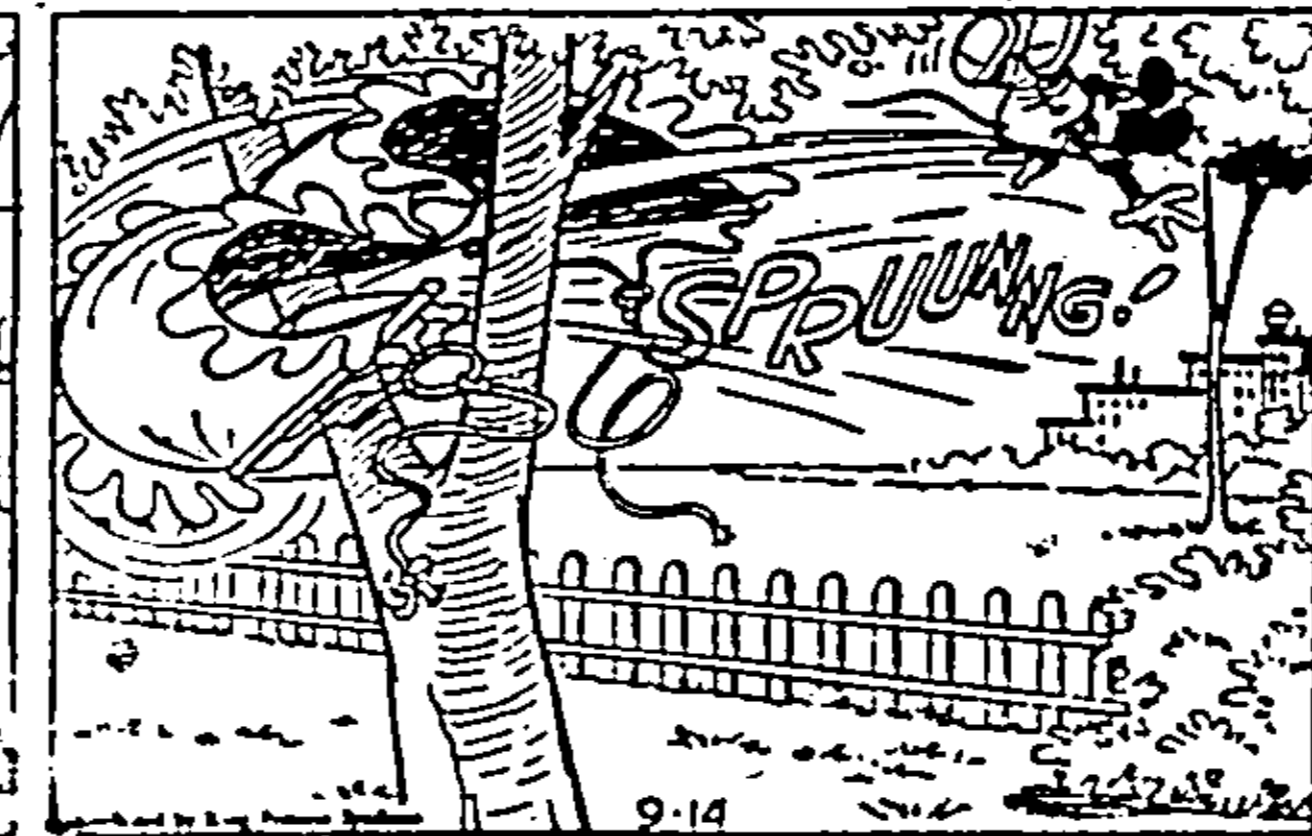
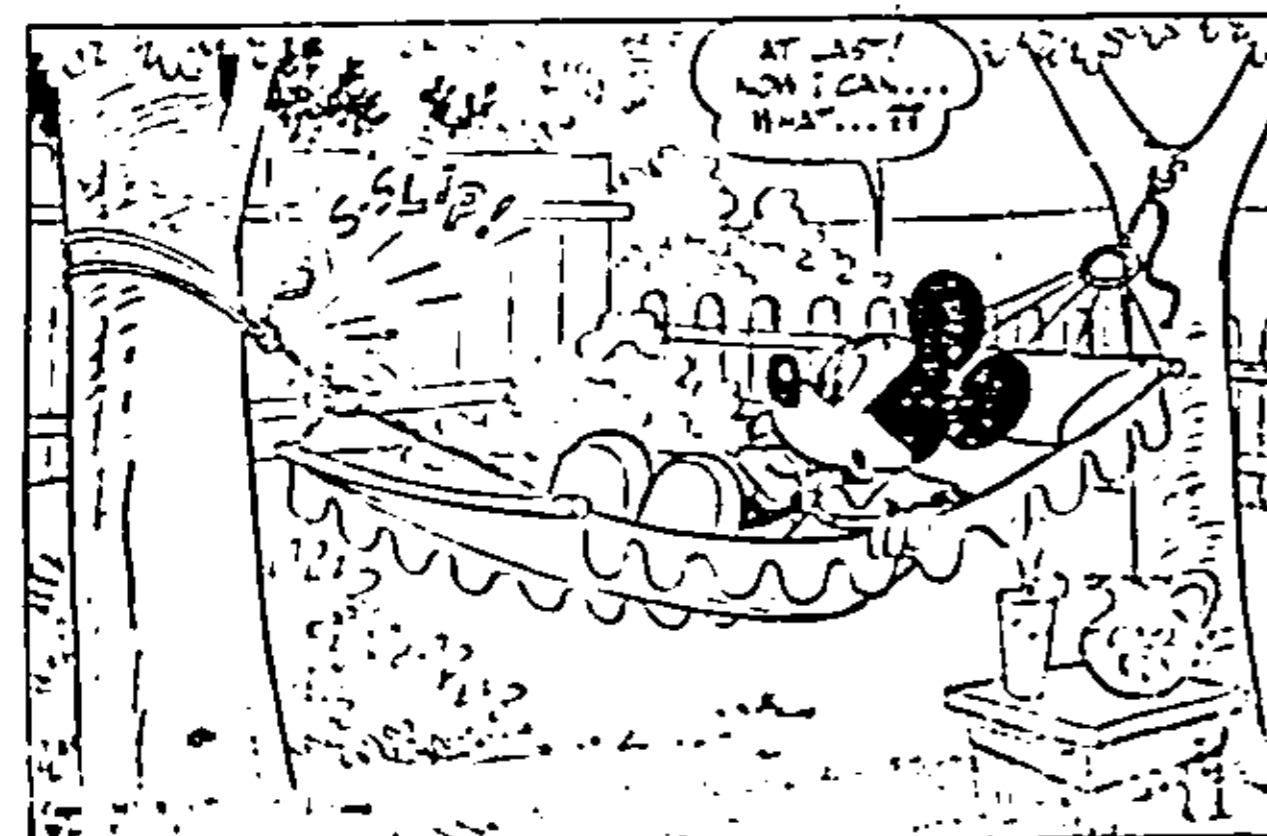
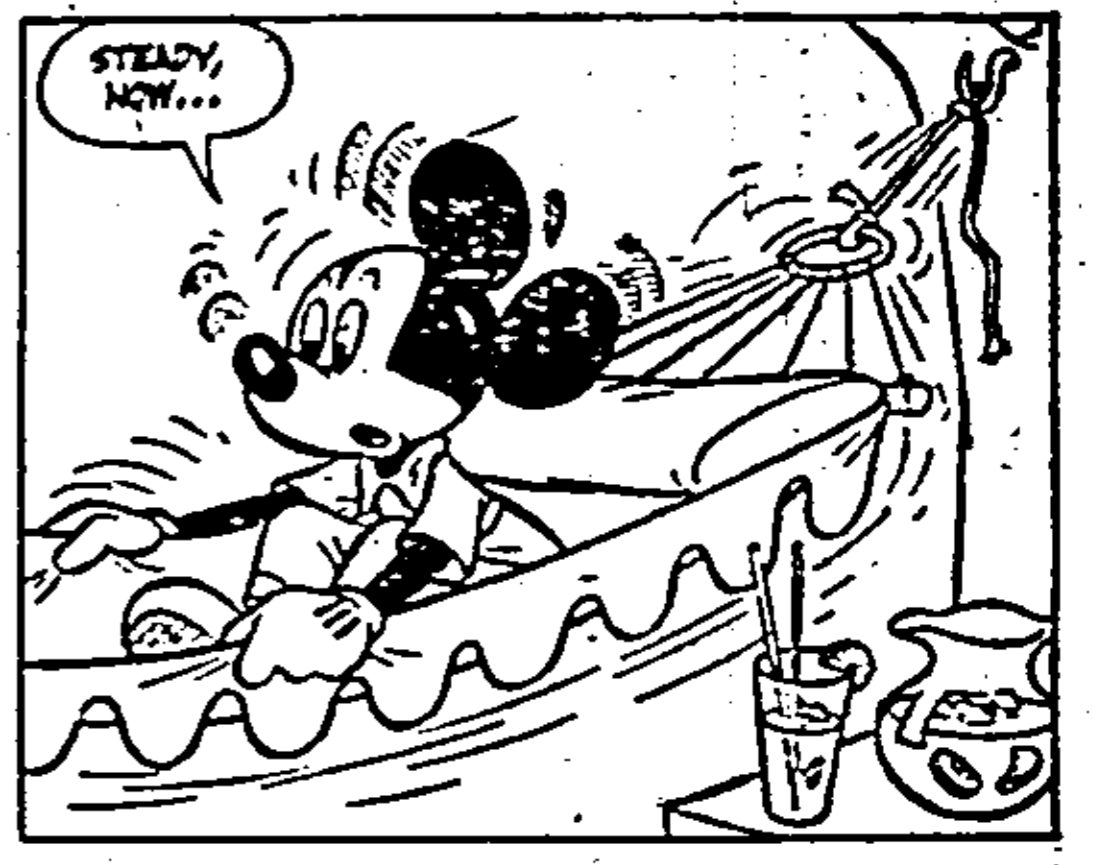
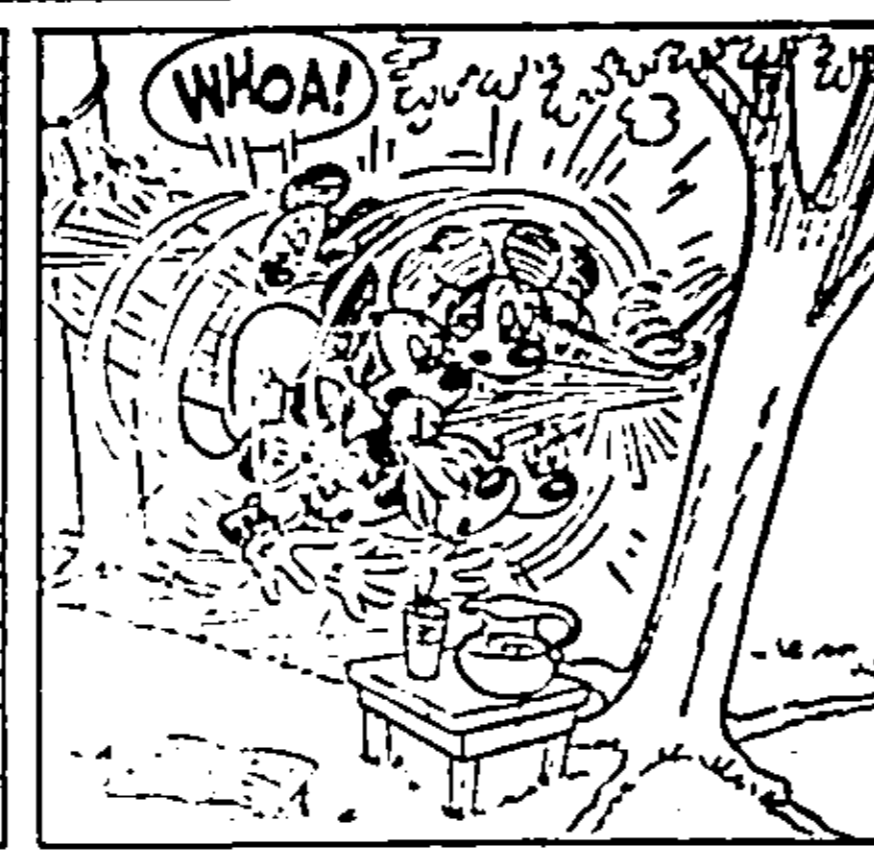
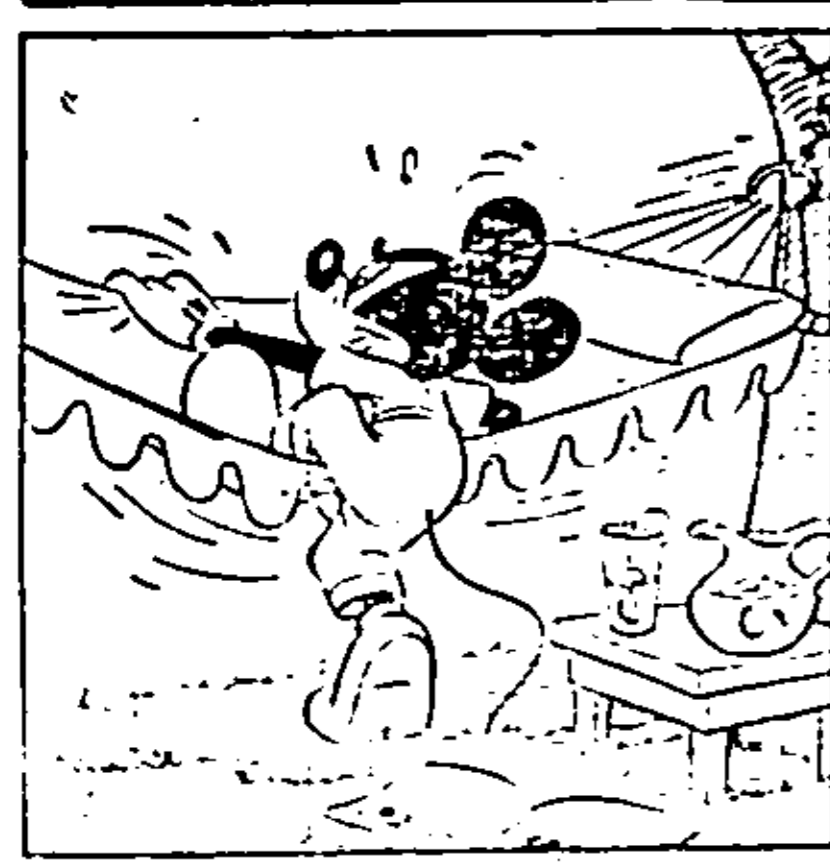
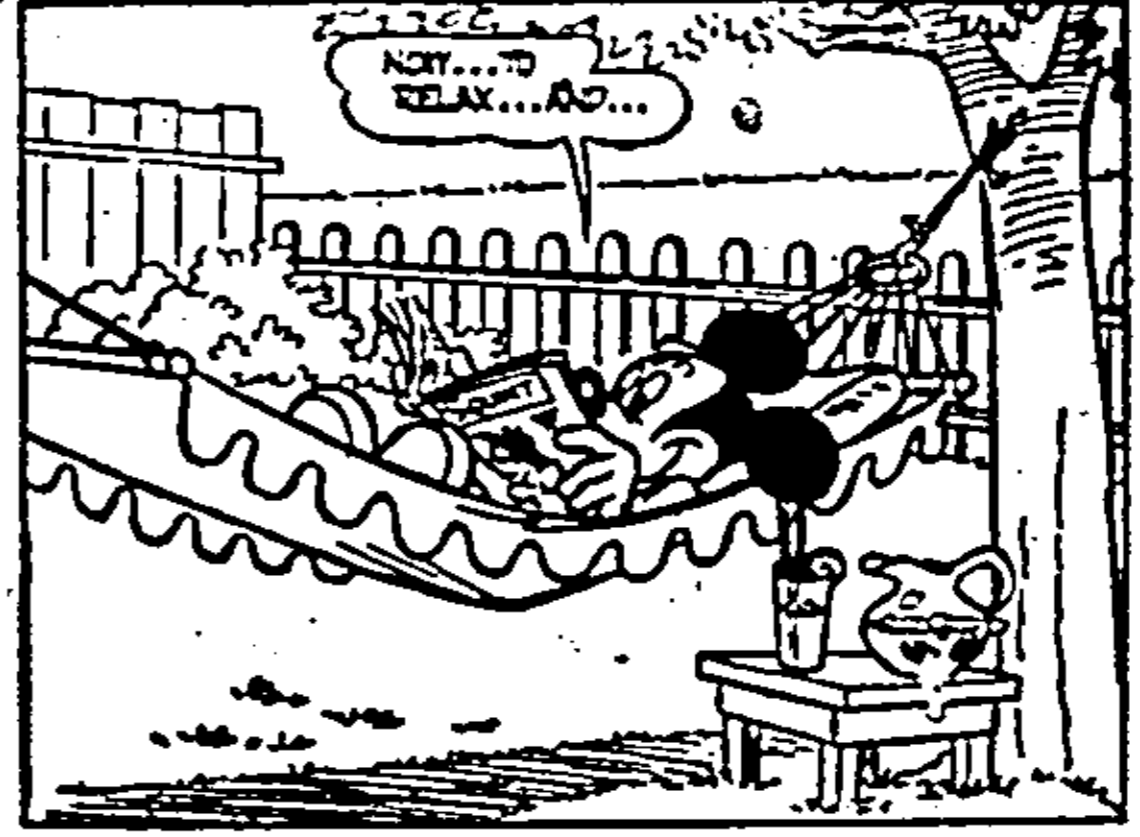
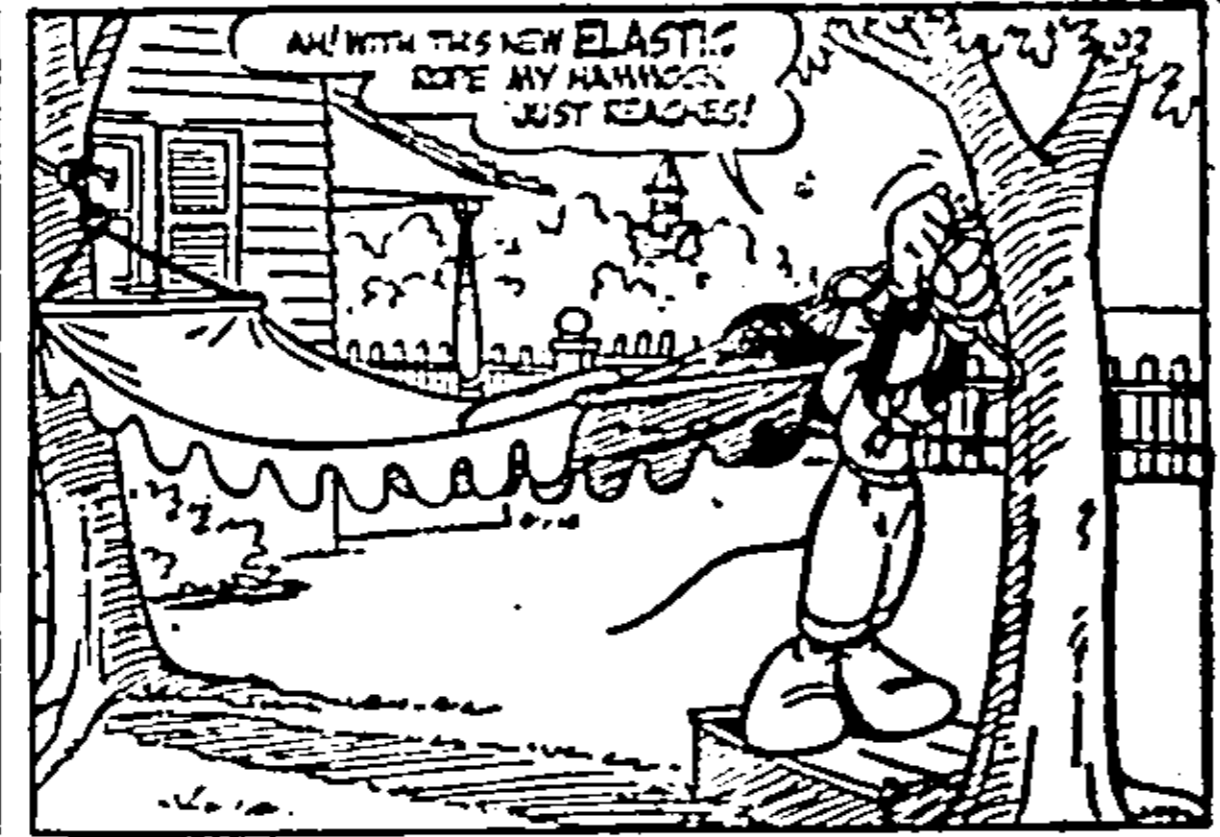
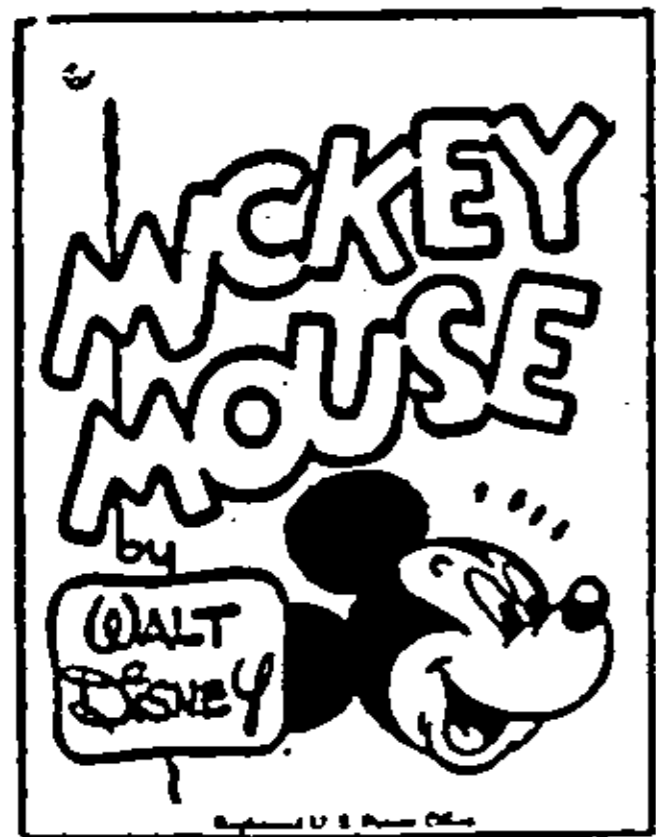


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# Our Serial Story

## THREE FOR LUCK

MAJOR MIKE SULLIVAN, ex-policeman who became a paratroop hero in the war, has met

ARTHUR MAYO, millionaire race-horse owner, whose Irish horse

HAPPY MUNSTERMAN is favourite for the Guineas and the Derby. Two attempts to kill the horse have been made, one of which was foiled by Mike and

MOIRA MAYO, the millionaire's daughter. In one attempt a man was murdered. Mike suspects

DIAMOND HOTCHKISS, race gang leader, and this right hand man

TURKEY REDDIN, former all-in wrestler. When Mike and Moira have taken the horse safely to Newmarket from Liverpool, they hear that Mayo has been kidnapped.

### Unarmed

As they drove up to the hospital, the chauffeur stirred slightly. His eyes opened and he saw Moira beside him.

"Mr. Mayo," he muttered. "Mr. Mayo . . . in that house. Beavers . . . tied him . . . he's there, too, the crook."

The effort was too much for him. His eyes closed and he slumped back in the seat.

At the hospital Mike phoned the police for aid. He wanted a corion drawn round the old hall at St. Hilda's, where Mayo and the chauffeur had been held by their kidnappers.

But he was unwilling to wait for the arrival of the officers, and leaving Moira at the hospital, he drove back by himself to the hall.

As he was unarmed, there was little he could do except keep watch. He made a mental note to get his old army revolver from his baggage and carry it about with him in future. The dice had been loaded too much against him so far by his inability to shoot back at gangsters who did not hesitate about using guns.

But when he arrived at the old hall, after a further crawl through the undergrowth, his heart sank. The door of the stables, which had been closed after the Rolls-Royce had left with Reddin, the gangster, and Mayo's unfortunate chauffeur, was now swinging wide open. Mike decided to investigate, even at the risk of being seen. He went through the door into a wide, flagged stable yard. It was empty. On the far side was a door into the house itself. Creeping along the walls he made his way across the dark yard.

### The Card

The door of the house was open. Inside was a narrow, dark passage which ended in some steps. He flashed the little pocket torch he always carried and saw a green baize door at the top of the steps which apparently gave access to the hall.

The place was completely silent. He slipped off his shoes and advanced up the steps. The door opened at his touch. Beyond it was darkness again. He went on. He was now apparently in the entrance hall of the house—a great wide room bare of furniture. In the centre was a packing case which had apparently been used as an improvised table, for on it were empty beer and whisky bottles and a pack of cards.

Something gleamed in the light of his torch on the floor. He bent down and picked it up. It was a gold pencil with the initials "A. M." on it. Beside it was a single playing-card. It appeared to have some writing on it. But just as he was about to decipher it he heard the sound of a car in the drive outside.

He leapt to the window, putting the card in his pocket. Through a hole in the heavy wooden shutters he looked out. A large, low black open car was pulling up. In it were four men in police uniform.

There was still no sound in the house. He opened the big front door as the policemen climbed from their car.

## By TRAVERS HUTCHIN

"I'm afraid the birds have flown," he said to the sergeant in charge. "There's a sign of life—although there are signs of quite recent inhabitants. We'd better have a thorough look around."

"We've got cars at both the front and the back gates, sir," said the sergeant. "So they can't give us the slip if they are still about the place."

But after a quarter of an hour's search they could find no further traces of the gangsters. Indeed, they did not seem to have gone beyond the entrance hall. When they left, they had apparently done so in a hurry, for Mike found a half eaten sandwich on the floor. The bread was fresh and soft.

"This proves that you're not on a wild-goose chase, sergeant," he pointed out. For the sergeant was clearly beginning to doubt the whole story. "Somebody's been here very recently. That bread was baked in the last 24 hours."

The sandwich was apparently one of a number, which had been wrapped in a newspaper. The paper still showed the folds of the purpose for which it had been used. Mike picked it up from the floor.

It was a copy of a Sussex weekly newspaper, printed at Brighton. That did not seem very helpful in the investigation of a kidnapping in Lancashire. But he put it in his pocket in case it should prove of assistance.

"We don't even know who or what to look for," grumbled the sergeant. "There isn't a clue here. Do you know what kind of car they had?"

Mike admitted that he had not the vaguest idea.

At the hospital he found Moira sitting in the matron's room drinking a cup of tea.

He put his arm round her shoulder. "Don't worry," he said gently. "We'll find your father before long. He had been in that house, but they had gone when I arrived. Do you recognise this?"

He showed her the gold pencil. "It's daddy's," she said, her voice tremulous. "Oh, where have they taken him? What will they do to him?"

"I don't know yet where they have taken him—but I've got an idea that will prevent their harming him. I'll tell you about it when we get back to Liverpool."

### One Caught

When they arrived back at the hotel they found a message awaiting them to say that Inspector Tom Satterthwaite, of the Liverpool C.I.D., wanted Mike to get in touch with him at once. But before Mike could phone to him, Tom was knocking at the door of Mayo's sitting-room.

"The county police who went to the old hall at St. Hilda's, have told me what has happened, Mike," he began. "I don't like the look of it at all. It looks to me as if . . ."

"Just a moment, Tom," Mike broke in (for Moira's face was paling at Satterthwaite's words). "First, let me tell you all that has happened. We've got our friend Turkey Reddin, the man who tried to kill me twice, in custody. The police who came to the old hall probably didn't know that when they spoke to you. They'd come from Prescott. Reddin is in the cells of the police station at St. Hilda's."

He went on to tell all the events of the evening—how they had rescued Mayo's chauffeur and captured Reddin and his accomplice.

"I think we've got quite a lot on our side now," he concluded. "We've got one or two very good cards. Hotch-

kiss will have to be very careful now that we have, in the chauffeur, a witness to the kidnapping."

"Mooney—that's the chauffeur—told me at the hospital what happened," Moira said. "Beavers told my father that we had been in an accident. They set off for the cottage hospital at St. Hilda's as you guessed, and Beavers directed them to the old hall. There they found Reddin and about half a dozen other men, who tied them up. They were kept there all day and when evening came Mooney was taken off in the Rolls by Reddin. I think—he thinks—they were going to throw him into the river."

### Don't Worry

She shuddered convulsively. Mike went up to her and gripped her by her shoulders, looking her in the eyes.

"Now, I've told you before, you're not to worry," he told her firmly. "If you do, you'll only make it more difficult for me to concentrate on the job. Because if you haven't got faith that we'll pull it off, you'll make it harder for me to have faith. So just hang on to hope and help me all you can."

"I will," she replied, with a wan smile. "But it's so very frightening."

Mike abruptly turned to Tom, who was staring at him with a quizzical look.

"The thing I want to know most of all," he said briskly, "is where in this town I can find Diamond Hotchkiss. Can your boys help me on that?"

"I can tell you the answer to that one right away. We've been looking out for him all day, and we finally came across a man who answers to his description in the Pelican Hotel. It's quite a good hotel, used by businessmen and travellers. It's only five minutes from here."

"Good. Because I want to see Mr. Diamond Hotchkiss right away. I want to talk to him in a way in which an official policeman without any concrete evidence cannot talk to a citizen. So you leave him to me for a little while. But I'd like a couple of your boys to be about the hotel when I see Hotchkiss. I want some backing if he tries any funny business."

As Mike was leaving with Tom Satterthwaite to go to Hotchkiss, Moira called him back from the door of her hotel suite. When he returned she took his hand in hers.

"Look after yourself, Mike," she said. "I don't want to have to look for you as well as Daddy. And—I want you both back safe and sound."

A lump came into Mike's throat. She looked so very brave as she tried to smile. He did not know what to say. He did not say anything. He just took her gently in his arms and kissed her forehead. Then he walked quickly away.

### Police Help

Tom Satterthwaite briefed two detectives, telling them to consult Mike and regard themselves as under his orders temporarily. On the way to Hotchkiss's hotel, Mike called at his own and rummaged in his bag until he found his revolver. He slipped it into his pocket.

The Pelican Hotel, where Hotchkiss was staying in Liverpool, boasted only one suite with a private sitting-room; it was this one that Hotchkiss had. When he had found this out from the reception desk, Mike went up to it unannounced. He left the two detectives in the lobby.

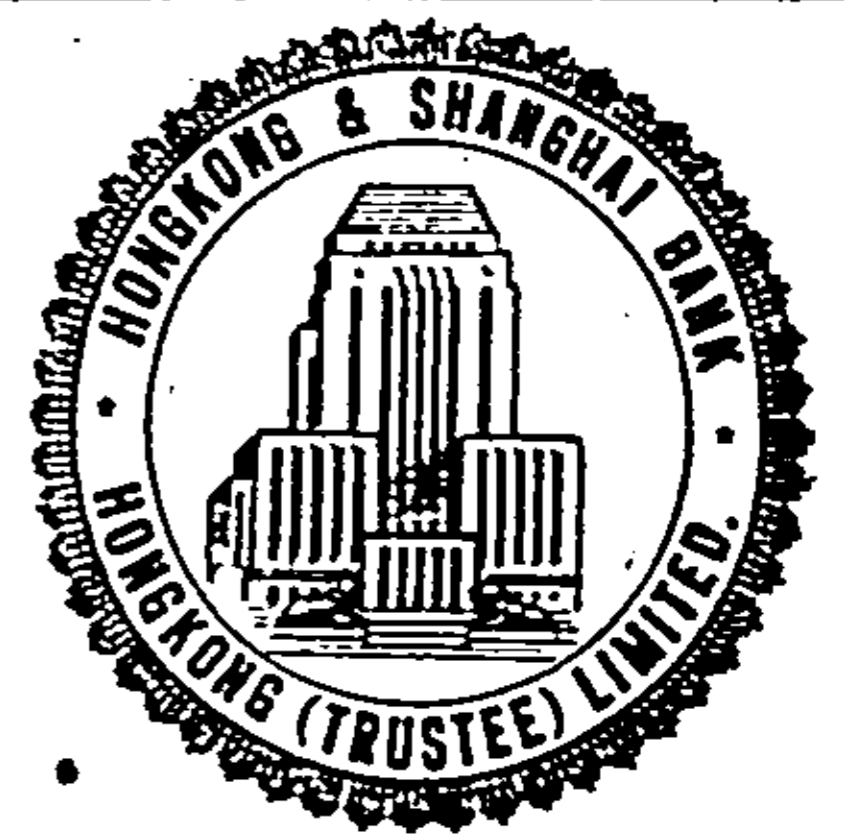
When he knocked on the door of the room, it was opened by a wizened little man with shifty eyes who looked like an ex-jockey. An ex-jockey who had been warned off and gone to seed, Mike thought.

### 'Not In'

"Mr. Hotchkiss isn't in," he said in answer to Mike's question. But there were voices in the sitting-room beyond the little entrance passage, and Mike pushed the man on one side and strode in.

Diamond Hotchkiss was sprawling on a couch. His two bodyguards of the day before were with him. There was a fourth man—a grey-haired, stout man with a red face who did not quite fit into the set-up.

The two bodyguards leapt to their feet. Mike stood in the door smiling—



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it was a dangerous smile. But it was not the smile that halted the two gangsters. It was the revolver that he held at his hip, his thumb slowly and deliberately pulling back the hammer to cock it for action.

### 'A Witness'

Nobody spoke. Hotchkiss's face was a study in impotent venom. The bodyguard looked strangely like two sheepish schoolboys who did not know exactly what to do next when their headmaster was watching them. The red-faced man had gone suddenly pale. With his free hand Mike shut the door behind him, so that the little man in the passage could not attack him.

"So I'm intruding on a nice friendly little talk, gentlemen?" he said at last, breaking the ugly silence. "The nasty, rude Sullivan has quite spoilt a charming tete-a-tete, so that nobody can even remember what he was going to say. Quite a speechless little gathering. Well, it doesn't matter, because I'm going to do the talking."

He looked down at Hotchkiss, staring him deliberately and insolently in the eyes.

"How's your neck feeling, Diamond?" he jeered. "Because if you're not a lot more careful than you have been in the last few hours, that rope is going to be round it very soon now."

The face of the red-faced man went suddenly grey with terror.

"You didn't know, my friend?" Mike said to him. "We are preparing a nice collar of the finest hemp for Diamond—and for anybody else who might be considered an accomplice to his recent crimes. I've come to tell him some news. Mayo's chauffeur is safe in hospital. He was a witness to the kidnapping—a witness any judge would accept. Oh, I know he doesn't prove anything against our friend Diamond here. He doesn't—but Turkey Reddin does."

"Turkey Reddin!" Diamond Hotchkiss's voice was scarcely a whisper.

**MORE NEXT WEEK**

## YOU CAN WIN TWO DOLLARS BY ANSWERING THIS QUESTION

### "What Do You Think?"

Once more we are asking you for your opinion. The best answer we get to the question asked below will be published, and the boy or girl who sent in the answer will get \$2.

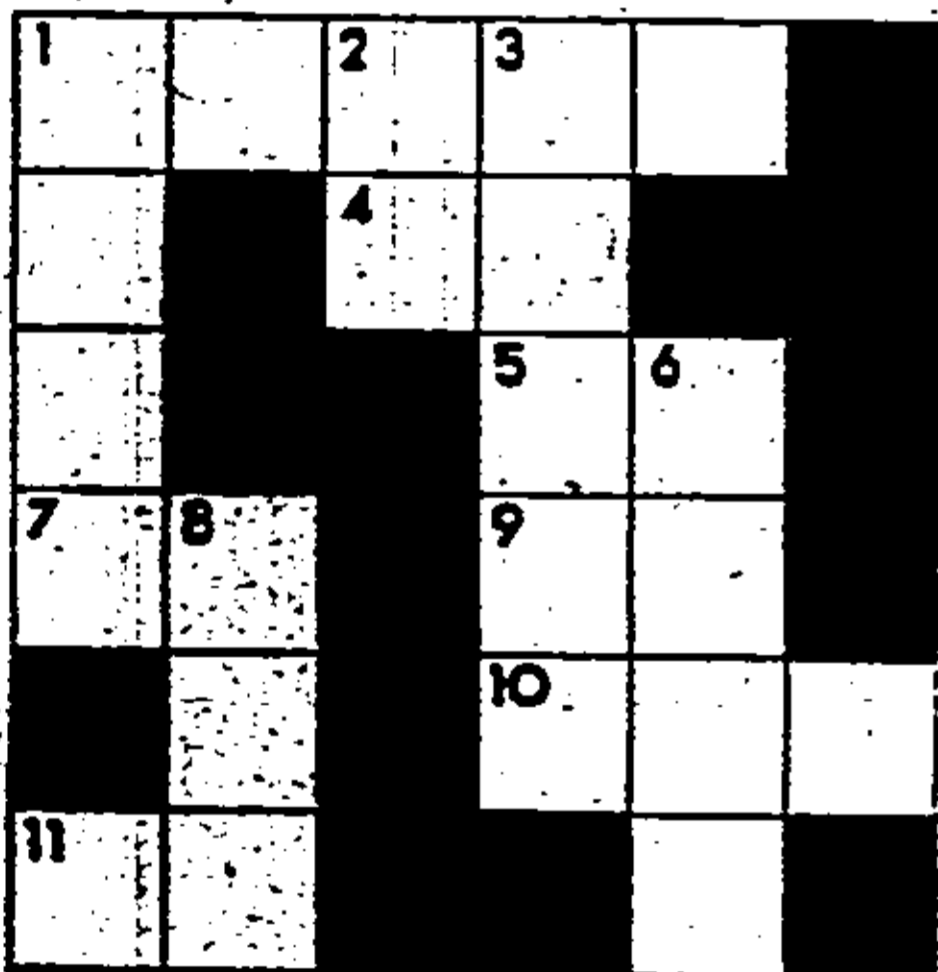
This week we're going to ask you all to confine your entries to not more than 150 words. If you're not more than 16 you can enter "What Do You Think?" and let us know what you think about the following question:

"Do you think school home work is helpful or not?"

This question concerns you all, and I'm sure you have already thought about it quite a bit. Send your letters in to Auntie Vee, at the SUNDAY HERALD, Windsor House, not later than February 11, 1948. Remember, you may win \$2.

## WORK OUT YOUR OWN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

This is an easy crossword puzzle for the youngsters. There are no prizes, but do it just for fun. The answers are printed upside-down in Column 4.



### ACROSS

1. What you do on paper.
4. A refusal.
5. The first person, singular used after "to."
7. Opposite of "Don't."
9. When you're talking about your own things, you use this.
10. Opposite of 4 Across.
11. Kipling wrote a poem called this.

### DOWN

1. Most pencils have it.
2. Not out.
3. Boy's Name.
6. What you see with.
8. Not on.

## AT MY TYPEWRITER...



I think the most exciting news this week is about the Children's Club. Don't you think it is a good idea? Do let me have lots and lots of entries, because we want to know what you'd like to call your own club.

Some of you are forgetting to mark your contributions "Original". Remember to do this when you send them in, won't you? I'm afraid I can't print them for you unless you tell me first that it is "all my own work".

Some of you have sent me photographs, and I was very glad to get them from you. I'm going to keep these until the club is formed, so don't worry if you don't get them back for some weeks.

Happy days to you all, from

# Children's Page

## MAKE A PARODY ON A NURSERY RHYME

Mary had a little lamb,  
Its fleece was black as soot,  
And everywhere that Mary went  
It put its sooty foot.

Any boy or girl up to sixteen years of age can enter this competition. Write a parody on one of the following nursery rhymes:

"Little Miss Muffet"  
"Mary Had a Little Lamb," or  
"Little Jack Horner."

You can see what we want from the two examples given above. Remember, these are just examples, and you're not to copy them.

Send in as many entries as you like, as long as they're all in at the SUNDAY HERALD offices before Wednesday, February 4.

Prizes this week will be book vouchers on Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. This means that you can go along there and choose any book you wish up to the value marked on the voucher.

- 1st Prize: \$10 Voucher.  
2nd Prize: \$7 Voucher.  
3rd Prize: \$5 Voucher.

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AGE .....

## World Spotlight:

### AUSTRALIAN "BLUEBOTTLES"

British boys and girls who have recently arrived in Australia are greatly puzzled when they hear Australians say they have been "stung by bluebottles."

They think "bluebottles" are flies and so they are in Britain, but in Australia they are something quite different.

Every summer these pests visit Australian beaches and many surfers receive painful stings from the long, blue tentacles which they trail through the water.

A bluebottle is a type of jelly-fish. Scientists call them "physalia."

The part which floats on the surface is like an oblong blue balloon. Underneath hangs a bunch of tentacles like long strands of blue wool. These are wrapped around anything with which it comes in contact and the sting inflicted can be so intense that the patient has been known to die.

Normally bluebottles are a rather tropical creature. But in summer a warm current flows southward along the coast of Australia and this carries swarms of bluebottles along with it. All they need is an easterly wind to bring them inshore. (From Alice Dawson, Sydney).

Little Jack Horner sat in the corner.  
It was warmer there, he said.  
That wasn't quite right,  
It was late at night,  
He did not want to go to bed.

## LAST WEEK'S PRIZEWINNERS



### PRIZE WINNING ENTRIES:

- Top Left:  
1st Prize.  
Top Right:  
2nd Prize.  
Left:  
3rd Prize.

The winning entries in the Figure Competition are shown above. All the entries deserve praise, and the prizes have been awarded to the following:

1st Prize: Jacqueline Barton (14), 137 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong.

2nd Prize: A. de Mello (14), 2 Hanoi Road, Kowloon.

3rd Prize: Leslie Quire (14), 30 Mody Road, Kowloon.

This week all the prize-winners are from Kowloon. Come on, you Hong Kong-siders! We want some better entries from you!

I suppose you noticed last week that we didn't mention what the prizes would be. We tried to fit too much into too little space, and that was the result! However, we made up for it, and the three prize-winners have been sent book vouchers. We hope they will be able to find a book they like.

## Word Wisdom

Here are some more words and their meanings to help you with your word-power. If you haven't already come across these, you will one day, and you should know how to use them.

This week's list is:

Circumference (serkumferens): The measurement of the perimeter of a circle.

Perimeter (per-im-eter): The outside line round an enclosed space.

Attendance (atendans): To be present at any meeting, lecture or gathering.

Myrrh (mer): You have probably come across this word in your Bible reading. It is a sticky gum with a very strong smell, used in olden times for religious purposes such as burning in churches. Today it is used in perfumes and antiseptics.

Antiseptic (antyseptic): When germs get into a cut or scratch they infect it, which means they make it sore and puffed-up. Antiseptic is put on to kill the germs before they do any damage. Iodine is one kind of antiseptic.

Retain (retane): To hold back, or to keep hold of.

Startling (start-ling): Anything that causes surprise.

Adjective (ad-jec-tiv): A word that describes another word, like "silly dog." "Silly" is an adjective describing the poor dog.

## WHAT DO YOU WISH TO CALL YOUR OWN CLUB?

Very shortly we are going to start a Children's Club in Hong Kong for all the boys and girls who are interested in the SUNDAY HERALD Children's Page.

It's going to be your club, so we want you to choose your own name for it.

We want a cheerful name, one which will be easy to say and yet different. Below you will find a box with space for two entries. Fill in what you would like your club to be called, and send your idea in to Auntie Vee at the SUNDAY HERALD.

The best ideas will be published on February 15, and then we will ask everybody to vote on which they like best.

Come on, what would you like to call your own club? We want you to tell us!

Dear Auntie Vee,

I would like our club to be called:

1. ....

2. ....

Name: .....

Address: .....

Age: .....

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

## SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS—

Instead of giving you just any Jumbled Words to think out this week, the puzzles are all the names of animals.

The words below are all animals which you know well, but the letters have been turned round. Just for fun see if you can straighten them out. The correct answers are printed upside-down below, but don't look at them until after you have finished working the words out.

AONGAKOR ANIOLSE

ANHEY YPALTPSU

RUGAOC MLACE

GILTROALA TPALHENE

Kangaroo, Hyena, Cougar, Alligator, Sealion, Platypus, Camel, Elephant.

## JUMBLED WORDS ANSWERS



Credit Corner is for boys and girls who have sent in drawings, poems and stories which deserve praise, although they have not been published.

John Ainger (Kowloon), Rosemary Barton (Kowloon) and Fanny Ho (Hong Kong) deserve Honourable Mention this week.

## PIGMY CARTOON



I'd like to meet the fool who said it was always hot in Hong Kong.

## Condensation from "THE REACH OF THE MIND" in Reader's Digest

What do recent studies reveal about the unknown powers of the human mind—mind-reading, clairvoyance, "mind-over-matter"—even the prospect of proving survival of personality after death? February Reader's Digest brings a 14-page condensation from J. B. Rhine's startling new book. Don't miss this report of actual experiments that have stirred the scientific world—a tale of seeming fantasies told by a matter-of-fact scientist from Duke University.

### Also in Reader's Digest

How smart are you? How rapidly can you think under pressure? Do unexpected



J. B. Rhine, Author of "The Reach of the Mind" (Condensed from "Test Yourself")

situations and the necessity for split-second decisions throw you off balance? Try this amusing quiz—the kind used in many standard mental tests. It may reveal just how much you ARE on the ball.

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# Musical World

## THE PROMS

Once again, tonight's "Proms Concert" from ZBW will consist of two works only—Mendelssohn's great "Concerto in E Minor for violin and orchestra, Op. 64" and Elgar's "Symphony No. 1 in A flat, Op. 55."

Acknowledged to be among his masterpieces, Mendelssohn's violin concerto is far better than any of his piano concertos and for that reason stands up well to repeated performances. It was written shortly after he arrived in London in 1844 in response to an invitation from the Philharmonic Society to be their conductor at the last six concerts of the season. There is a bit of an argument pro and con Mendelssohn going on at Home at the moment, and some reference to the controversy will probably be made in the concert notes tonight. It will be sufficient here, therefore, merely to quote, with approval, Hubert Foss's own comment on the subject:—

"...there can be no two opinions of the greatness of a composer who before he is 38 can compose masterpieces like the *Hebrides* overture, the Violin Concerto, the *Midsummer Night's Dream* music, the *Prelude and Fugue* in E minor, and *Elijah*, not to mention at least 20 other works, not of equal rank, which have all the same impressed themselves indelibly upon his successors."

Elgar is a major figure in the modern English revival of music, bridging the gloomy gulf which existed for some 200 years after the death of Purcell. Perhaps his greatest achievement has been the development of the symphony in Britain, for his contemporaries tended to ape their predecessors on the Continent.

At the mature age of 51, Elgar produced his Symphony No. 1, which had its first performance at a Halle concert in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, in 1906. It is a work of sustained power on the grand scale, with a noble and beautiful motto-theme that is a frame for the work as a whole. Although the symphony is in A flat, the major movements are in comparatively remote keys—D minor, D major and F sharp minor—a remarkable development of the Brahmsian method of key variation. The symphony made a great impression when it was first heard—and was performed no less than one hundred times in the first year of its existence! Little wonder it subsequently "went into retirement" for a while.

It is long—50 minutes—but its length is not so much a matter of the passing of the minutes but rather of a repetition of the same thing far too often, which inescapably gives it a certain rhythmic monotony. Nevertheless, the symphony has many moments of beauty and the elaborate orchestration shows that Elgar was a master of his art.

Particularly ingenious—and indeed beautiful—is the way in which Elgar has linked the second (scherzo) movement to the third (slow) movement. The theme or chief subject of the Adagio Cantabile movement is really a rhythmic metamorphosis of the opening semiquavers by the first violin in the Allegro Molto movement.

## B.B.C. CONCERTS

Worth listening to tomorrow night in the General Overseas Service of the BBC is a programme entitled "Stories from Handel and Grieg" with the BBC Theatre Orchestra and George (Starland) Robinson conducting. The narrator will be Mary O'Farrell and the artists include Chorus of Children, Mervin Bower, Marion Davies, Majore Thomas, Owen Brannigan, Dorothy Bard and Constantine Stokert. Times 5 p.m. Hong Kong.

On Thursday, at 2.15 hours in the same service John Barbirolli and the Halle Orchestra present "British Concert Hall." The programme consists of Mozart's "Serenade," Eric Kleins Nachtmusik in G; Delius' "Intermezzo" from Fenimore and Gerda; and Beethoven's Fourth Symphony in B flat.

Finally, on Friday at 23.20 there is the gramophone-recorded "Forces Prom," which this week consists of Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic suite "Scheherazade," played by the London Philharmonic (Antal Dorati cond.).

## MUSIC FROM HOME

The prefixes in the following list of "Listener's Choice" from the BBC are: FES (Far Eastern Service), ES (Eastern Service) and GOS (General Overseas Service):—

Sunday:—FES, 2145 hours, "The Brass Band Movement in England, No. 4," a gramophone programme written by Maurice Jacobson.

Monday:—FES, 2005, "Folk Music of Britain," sung by Barbara Milten (gramophone records).

Tuesday:—ES, 2300, "Modern British Music, No. 18: The work of Herbert Howells," introduced by Lionel Salter (gramophone records).

Wednesday:—FES, 1955, "Growth of the Modern Orchestra, No. 22: The expansion of the Orchestra," written and introduced by Hubert Foss.

Thursday:—ES, 2300, "Music for the Stage," excerpts on gramophone records from the operas of Handel.

Friday:—ES, 2250, "Introducing Bach," chamber music on gramophone records.

Saturday:—GOS, 1800, "Programme Music: Richard Strauss' 'The Erlangen'," an illustrated talk by Spike Hughes.

FES, 2005, "Ballet Music of British Composers: Concert Waltz from Geoffrey Toye's 'The Haunted Ballroom,'" on gramophone records.

## NEW RECORD

This month, Spike Hughes—broadcaster, journalist, conductor, musical critic, etc. ad lib—will be presenting "New Records" once again to overseas listeners to the BBC. The records will probably range from Beecham conducting a Sibelius symphony to the very latest in jazz. If that is possible, for to Patrick Cahn, Hughes music is music, whatever the barriers that many attempt to erect. He has a passion for opera by Mozart and Verdi, waltzes by Johann Strauss, and tunes by Rodgers, Kern and Cole Porter.

Spike has been around quite a bit. He was educated at Cambridge, Vienna and Berlin. He played rugby for Austria in an international match against Romania in 1925 and the following year played cricket for Cambridgeshire against Huntingdonshire. From 1930 to 1937 he ran a dance band that toured England and America. In 1932 he composed the ballet "High Yellow" for Marjorie and Frederick Ashton; according to his wife he will not devote more time to composing because he feels people like Walton and Haydn have said him the trouble and do it much better anyway.

Nowadays he lives in a flat in a small alley near Broadcasting House, is married to Barbara McFarlane, and owns over 3,000 gramophone records.

## SERIOUS MUSIC

A United Press message from New York reports that the Americans can find what we have found at Home—that since the war there has been a great increase in the number of people listening to what is called "serious music." Most of the orchestras are being formed in the United States and audiences at our cities are growing steadily.

Donald Mitchell, a Greek-born conductor of the Municipal Symphony Orchestra since 1935, has been named a growing seriousness in his audience. The number of tickets booked in diamonds, first, and second, and who just attend the concert because it's there, is growing. More and more folk are coming just to hear the music.

"We are going to have a special programme and all they come back for more," he says. "The only way to have a better concert is to have a better programme to attract

a large crowd." Explaining that there is nothing wrong with either, except that they are "overplayed, so popular," Mitchell goes on:—

"Listening to them all the time would be like reading one book over and over. But today I give them some things hard to chew—difficult contemporary musical compositions. And most of them seem to like it."

The best audience before which he ever conducted? Those attending free concerts. His greatest ambition is to be able to conduct free symphony concerts for anyone who cares to listen.

## DE LUCA

Giuseppe de Luca has now been singing for over half a century. He made his debut as Valentino at Piacenza in 1897 and is not only still able to sing, but to sing as well as he did 25 years ago when his voice reached its full maturity. A baritone, De Luca and Caruso struggled as unknowns together; he sang under Toscanini's baton 49 years ago; and appeared with Lily Pons, Galli-Curci, Marian Talley, Ezio Pinza and Rosa Ponselle at their debuts.

He sang as a regular member of La Scala, Milan, for eight years before joining the Metropolitan Opera House, New York in 1915. He stayed with the "Met" until 1935, and in that period sang 49 roles, both Italian and French. He participated in the American premieres of Puccini's "Turandot," Mozart's "Così fan tutte" and Verdi's "Luisa Miller," and in the world premiere of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

Although he was a Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy, he voluntarily went on the musical shelf in 1940, when he was caught in Italy. He refused to sing until 1945. In 1946, when he sang in the United States for the first time in six years, the music critics called him the greatest present-day exponent of bel canto.

His anniversary comment might well be directed at some of our ZBW performers:—"I have my voice because God gave it to me, and I kept it because I didn't force it. If you push, you lose colour."

"To be a good singer, you've got to have a voice... and intelligence.... and breathe through your nose."

## FIXTURES

At the beginning of his great career as a violinist, Albert Spalding found it difficult to convince concert-goers that he was a serious virtuoso. In the minds of staid music lovers in the United States he was associated with sports—understandably, as his father and an uncle were founders of the famous sporting goods company.

Before a concert one night, he was introduced to a society matron who was also a Patron of the Arts.

"Spalding, Spalding," she murmured. "Young man, I simply cannot get used to you in formal attire."

"Madam," enquired the violinist, "would it make you any happier if I came out to play in a baseball suit?"

## WARNING

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## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The new rate is 864 francs to the sterling pound. (27.1.48)
2. 1917. (27.1.48)
3. Lido City. (27.1.48)
4. The Mitchell-Hedges Trophy. (28.1.48)
5. The Chinese Government has agreed to pay compensation for British losses in Canton. (28.1.48)
6. The bill, which has already passed the House of Commons, is to limit the power of the peers to delay legislation. (29.1.48)

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## Health Page

### The Secrets Of Life

By JACK THOMAS

What makes happiness? What makes you timid, or pretty, or plain? Six groups of glands, in your body supply the driving force that makes you "tick."

On their behaviour depends whether you are a genius or a half-wit; a giant or a dwarf.

Scientists have called these glands the endocrines, from two Greek words meaning "I separate within." Here they are:—

The pituitary,  
The thyroid,  
The adrenals,  
The parathyroid,  
The pancreas, and  
The gonads, or six glands.

It is a quarter of a century since dapper Serge Voronoff proved that a simple gland operation could give new life to a tired body. The headline which heralded his discovery—"Man May Live to 140"—has proved optimistic, but this much is certain: it is still in the new gland magic that our main hope of extending life lies.

In the more practical field of giving zest to our later years, gland treatment has proved its possibilities beyond the dreams of early experimenters.

Let us take a look at these glands, and their secretions, which we call hormones. It is the hormones that keep your body cells at their constant task of healthy reproduction.

Take the thyroid, the little horse-shoe-like gland in the front of your neck, which makes the hormone which keeps the body well fed. You admire Miss Betty Grable's lovely figure? She can thank her thyroid for it.

Sometimes, perhaps because of sudden nervous shock or mental worry, the thyroid ceases to function. Then the body swells, the face becomes coarse and dull, memory fails. Unless treatment is given insanity may ensue.

A child born with a defective thyroid may become an idiot. On the other hand, an over-active thyroid may set up a form of goitre.

Take the case of little Marie Dubois, of France. Marie was so weak physically and so feeble mentally that she could hardly be said to be alive. Doctors could do nothing.

Marie's heartbroken parents approached two great surgeons of Lille, Dr. Lefort and Dr. Piquet, who were experimenting with the new gland magic.



You admire Miss Grable's lovely figure? She can thank her thyroid gland for it.

Dr. Lefort examined the child. "She is suffering from thyroid deficiency," he said. "We can help, but there is a risk."

The parents took the chance, and a few days later the surgeons removed Marie's defective gland and grafted a new one in its place. The girl's condition improved, and after four months of observation the doctors announced their triumph.

Not till then did the parents know that the gland which had saved their baby was taken from a notorious criminal named Olivier within a few hours of his execution.

Next in the story of your glands are the two adrenals, situated above the kidneys. They largely decide whether you are a coward or a hero. Their job is to tone up the muscles and keep your blood vessels in good shape.

Have you ever seen one of those tragic fairground "freaks," boy on one side and fully developed man on the other? Or have you paid to see the bearded lady? Both these are suffering from uneven or excessive activity of their adrenals.

The tiny parathyroids lie near the thyroid gland, controlling the absorption of lime salts by the bones. If they fall down on the job your bones will be frail and misshapen, your teeth "chalky."

You may suffer from muscular pains and twitches.

Biggest of the glands is the pancreas, or sweetbread, extending behind the lower part of your stomach. Scattered through its structure are collections

of cells called the Islands of Langerhans. They make the hormone insulin, which breaks down the sugar in the blood into a form suitable for feeding the muscles and other tissues. If those cells fail you, diabetes results.

Like the pancreas, the gonads or sex-glands have a double job to do. First, they must produce the reproductive cells so that the race may continue. But at the same time they must make certain hormones—they differ in men and women—which seem to have a general "pepping-up" effect on all our physical and mental functions.

The gonads don't develop fully until the end of childhood—in temperate climates, between the ages of 12 and 15. Then the boy begins to take on the characteristics of manhood; the girl to show the first physical signs of maturity. The glands remain active for maybe 30 years and then begin to fail. And as their powers weaken, we begin to show the symptoms of old age.

But again, these glands may not develop during childhood. They may be injured in some accident. Then we get strange tragic creatures—neither man nor woman—hairless, deficient in strength and staying power, dull, indolent, timid and self-centred.

Now we come to the daddy of all the glands, the pituitary—"the leader of the endocrine orchestra," as one cheerful professor calls it.

#### It's A Mighty Midget

It's about the size of a pea and lies in its special little hole in the skull, under the brain, and just behind the nose. But oh! what that mighty midget can do.

Remember the Fat Boy in "Pickwick Papers"? Remember how his main ambitions in life were to eat and sleep? His trouble was an under-developed pituitary.

Let us go back to the fair-ground again. Come into this tent and see the "tallest man on earth"—nine feet tall in his socks. How did he get that way? His pituitary gland was working too hard during childhood and adolescence. See that dwarf? His pituitary was too lazy.

Those are your main endocrine glands. You see how small as they are in comparison with other organs of your body—they govern not only your term of years, but your health.

The father of endocrinology was not Voronoff. He was an 18th Century British surgeon—a queer, rip-roaring swash-buckling fellow called John Hunter, who never delivered a lecture to his students without first taking a great draught of laudanum to nerve him to the ordeal.

#### Fringe Of The Mystery

In 1770 he found time to prove that glands could be transplanted.

The discovery passed almost unnoticed, but the seed was planted. In 1849 Berthold of France grafted the glands of fowls, and six years later Charles Brown-Sequard demonstrated in Paris that the adrenal glands were essential to life.

Then came a dignified zoologist of Vienna, Eugen Steinach. "Isn't it possible," he asked himself, "that the gonads have a great deal to do with our bodily vigour? Maybe by stimulating them I can hold back the clock." He went to work.

By 1910 he was able to prove that by grafting new sex-glands into rats and guinea-pigs he could keep them young, could even make the signs of old age disappear in already ageing animals.

Then, in 1921, at Toronto University, Scottish Dr. J. J. R. Macleod and his two young Canadian assistants, Drs. Frederick Banting and Charles H. Best, went to work on another problem—those mysterious Islands of Langerhans and their influence on the sugar content of the blood.

A year later the news flashed across the world: "Insulin isolated. Diabetes conquered."

Now, all along the line the advance continued. Reports from researchers flowed in. It was discovered that the old cumbersome methods of Steinach and Voronoff could be discarded. Extracts prepared from the chopped-up glands of animals and injected, or even swallowed, would do the job as well.

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## BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION BAZAAR

Sir Alexander Grantham, Patron and Chief Scout, opened the Grand Bazaar of the Boy Scouts' Association last Saturday. On the left His Excellency is shown cutting the tape, and below that, trying his skill with a rifle. Photo immediately below, shows a general view of the crowd listening to the St. Louis Industrial School Band. (Photos: by Francis Wu & China Mail).



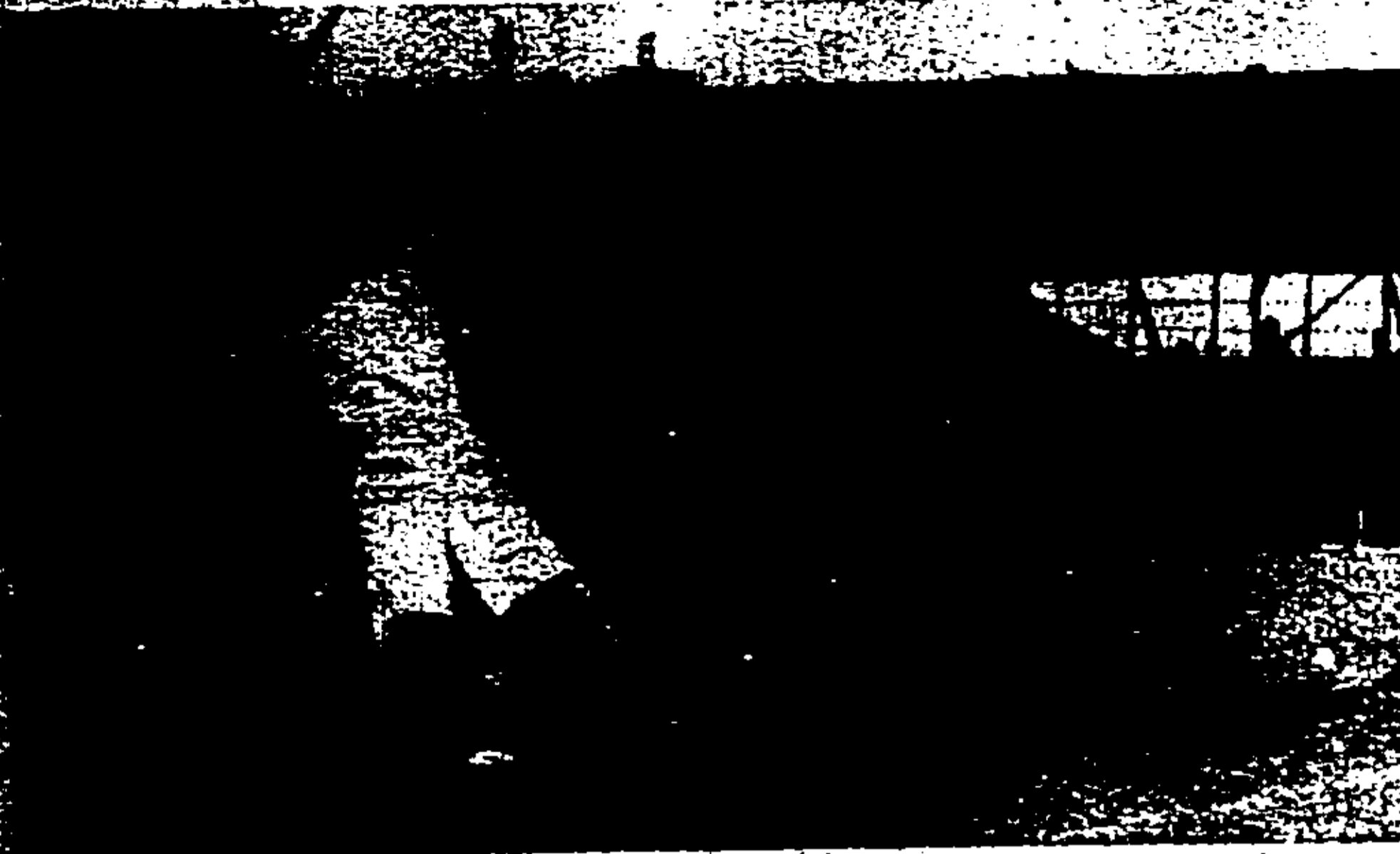
Mrs. Erskine, wife of the G.O.C., presenting the Quadrangular Tournament Cup to P. S. Ingham, captain of the Club Rugby XV. (Watson-Gainsborough).



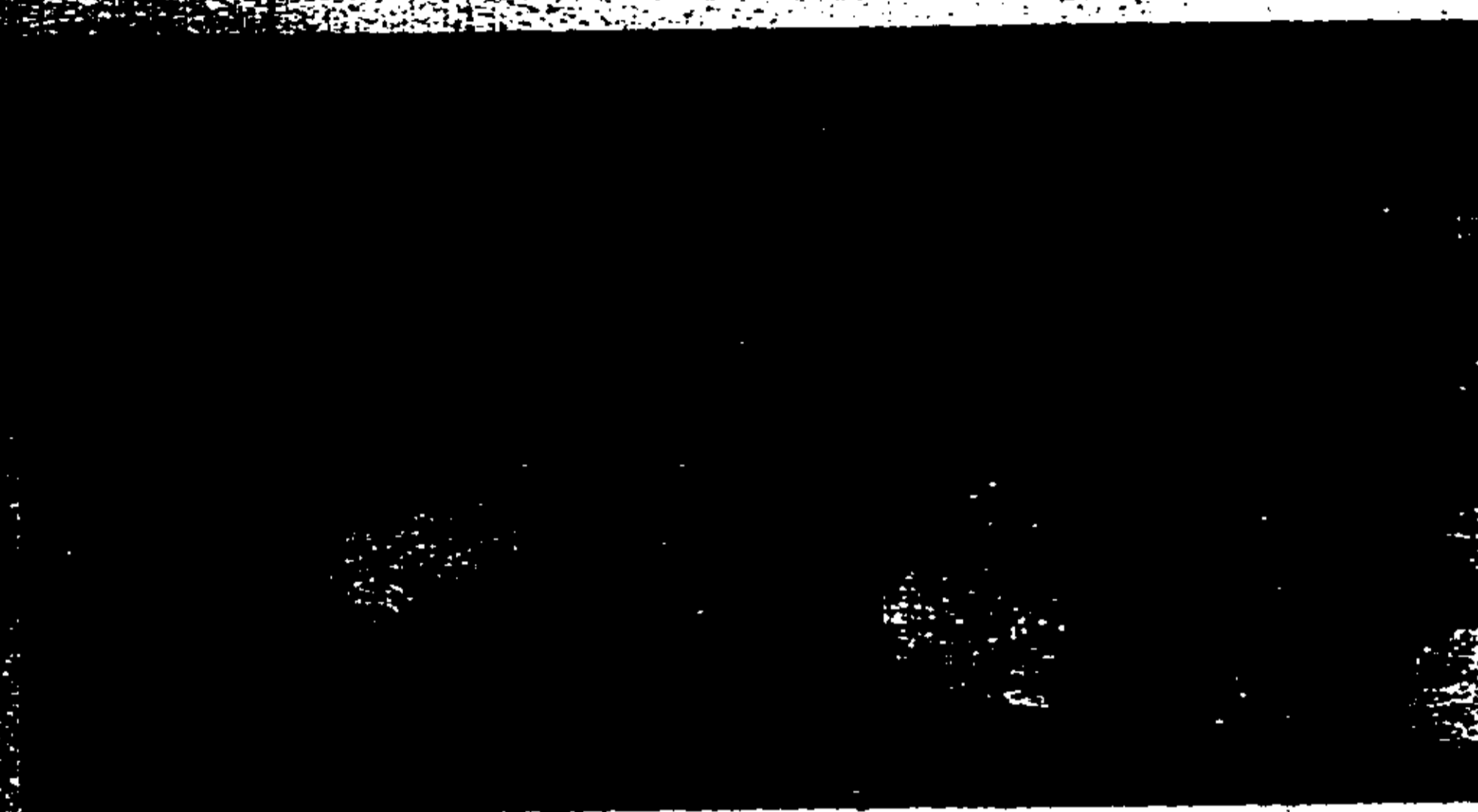
Mr. E. Hazard, Australian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, addressing guests on Monday at the Australia Day celebrations held in the Hong Kong Club Annexe. (China Mail photo).

# ARMY ATHLETIC MEETING

In spite of dismal weather, the Army Inter-Unit Athletic meeting last week proved a great success, and provided excellent times. On the right is Sergt. Major Instructor Easton, winner of the Long Jump with 29 feet, 7 1/2 inches.



Sgt. Easton, R.M. Land Forces, making the javelin throw.



Sgt. Easton, R.M. Land Forces, finishing the Three Miles in grand style.



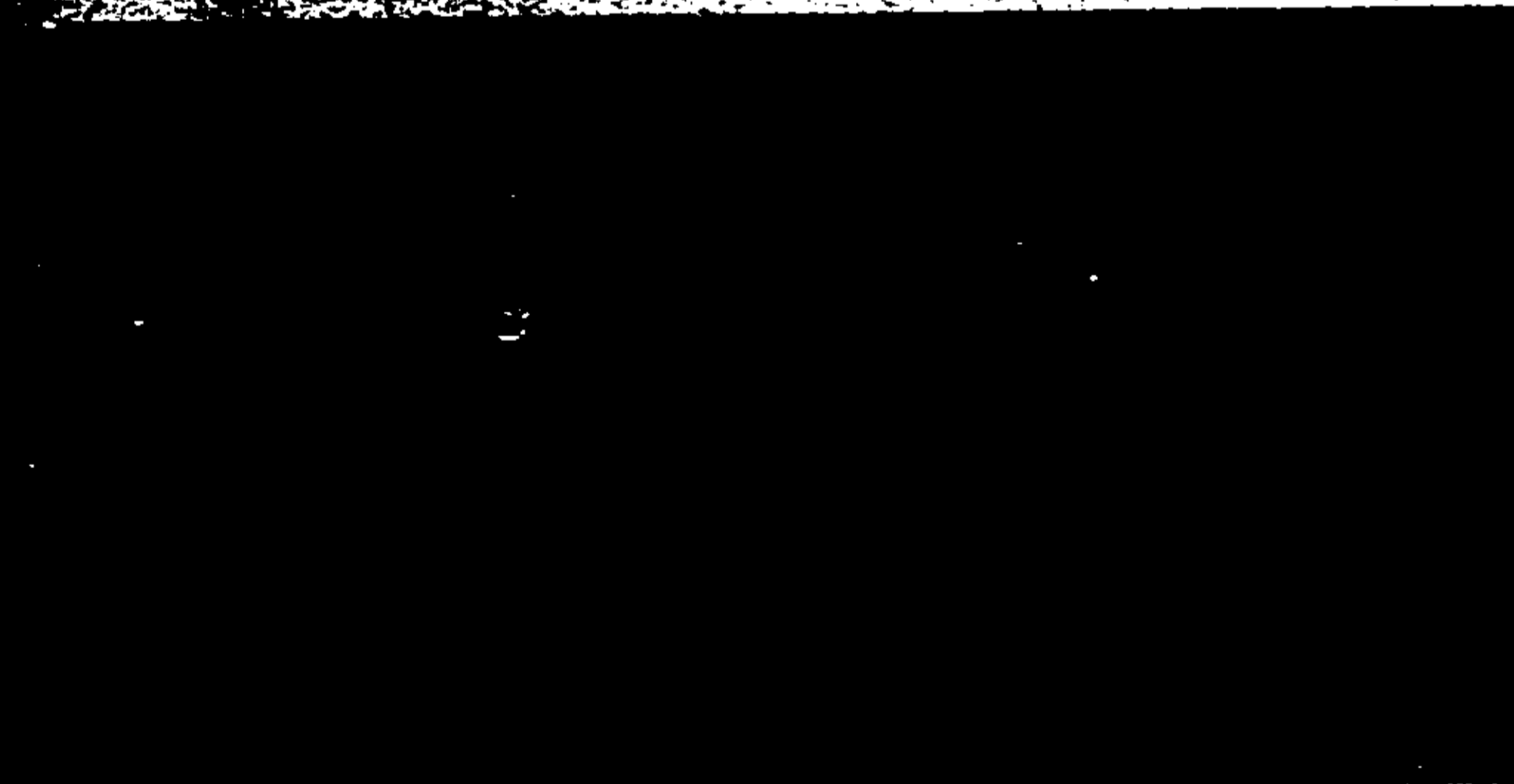
Corporal Arrowsmith, of the Buffs, clearing 5 feet 4 inches to win the High Jump.



The start of the hurdles race.



Corporal Larsen, The Buffs, preparing to make his effort in the Javelin Throw.



Sgt. Easton, of the 1st Bn. Buffs, an easy winner in the 100 yards sprint.



Corporal Tansley, 1st Bn. Buffs, running up in the High Jump gives a good exhibition of the Western Roll. All the pictures above were by E. A. Watson-Gainsborough.

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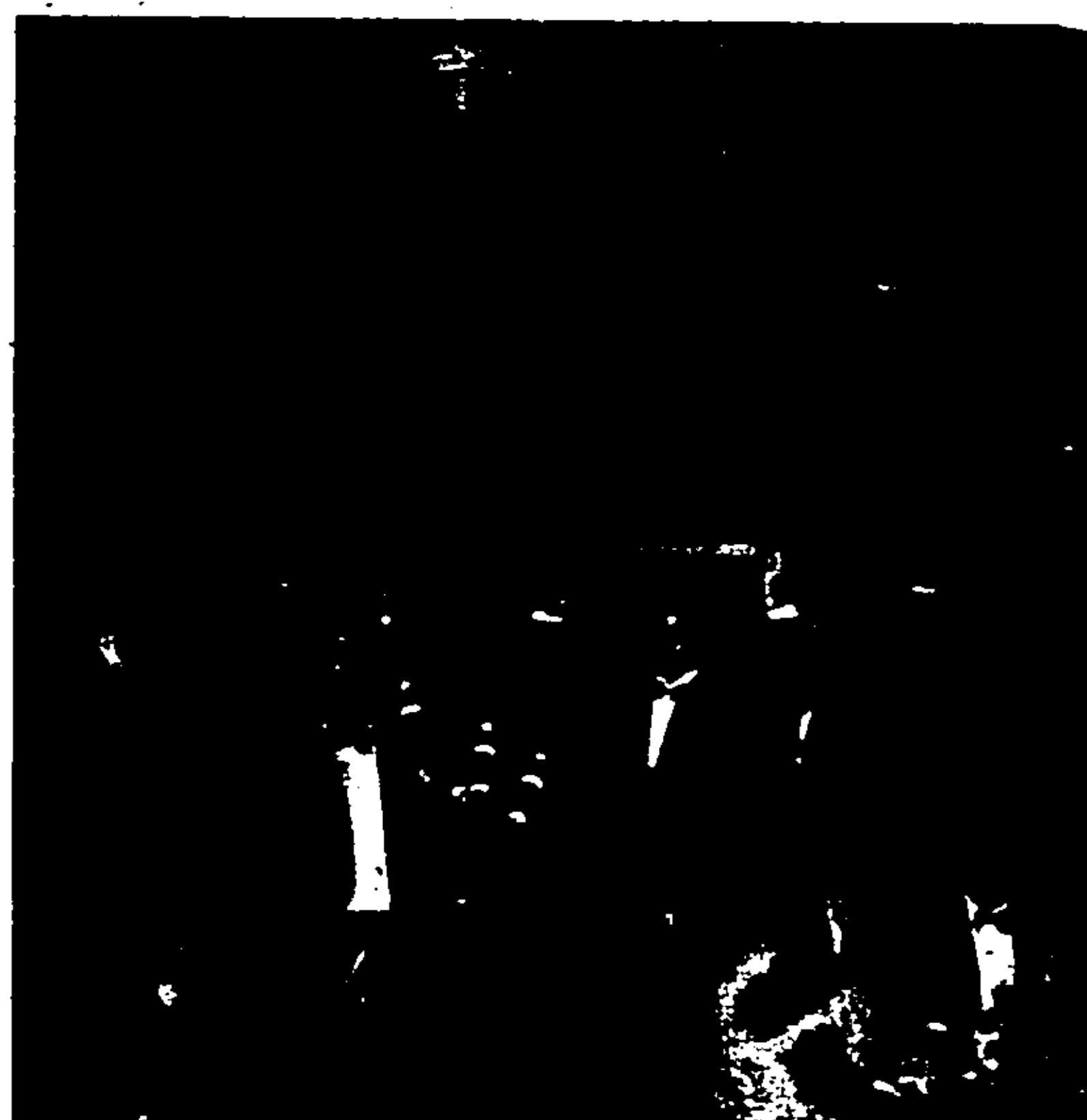
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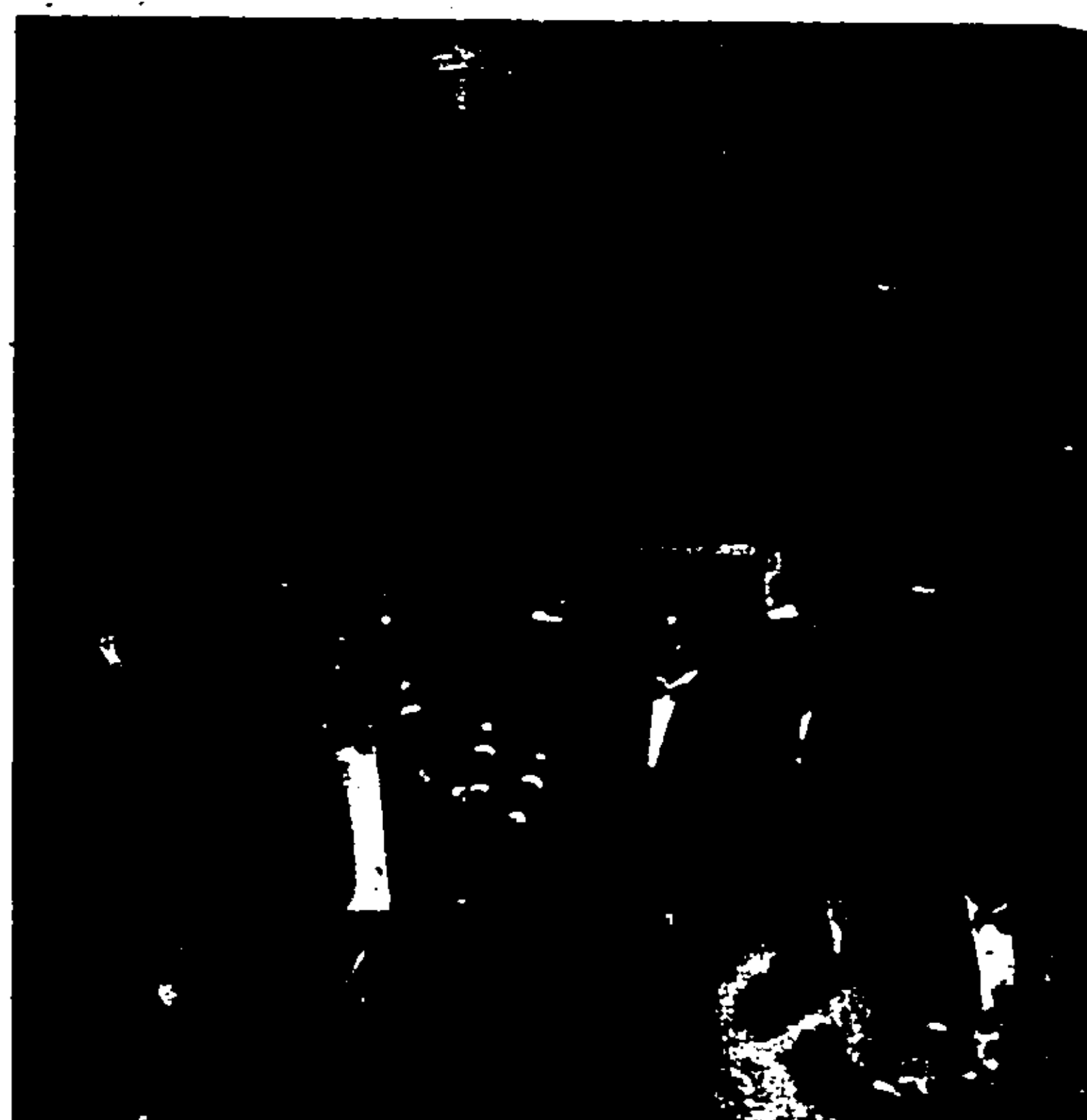
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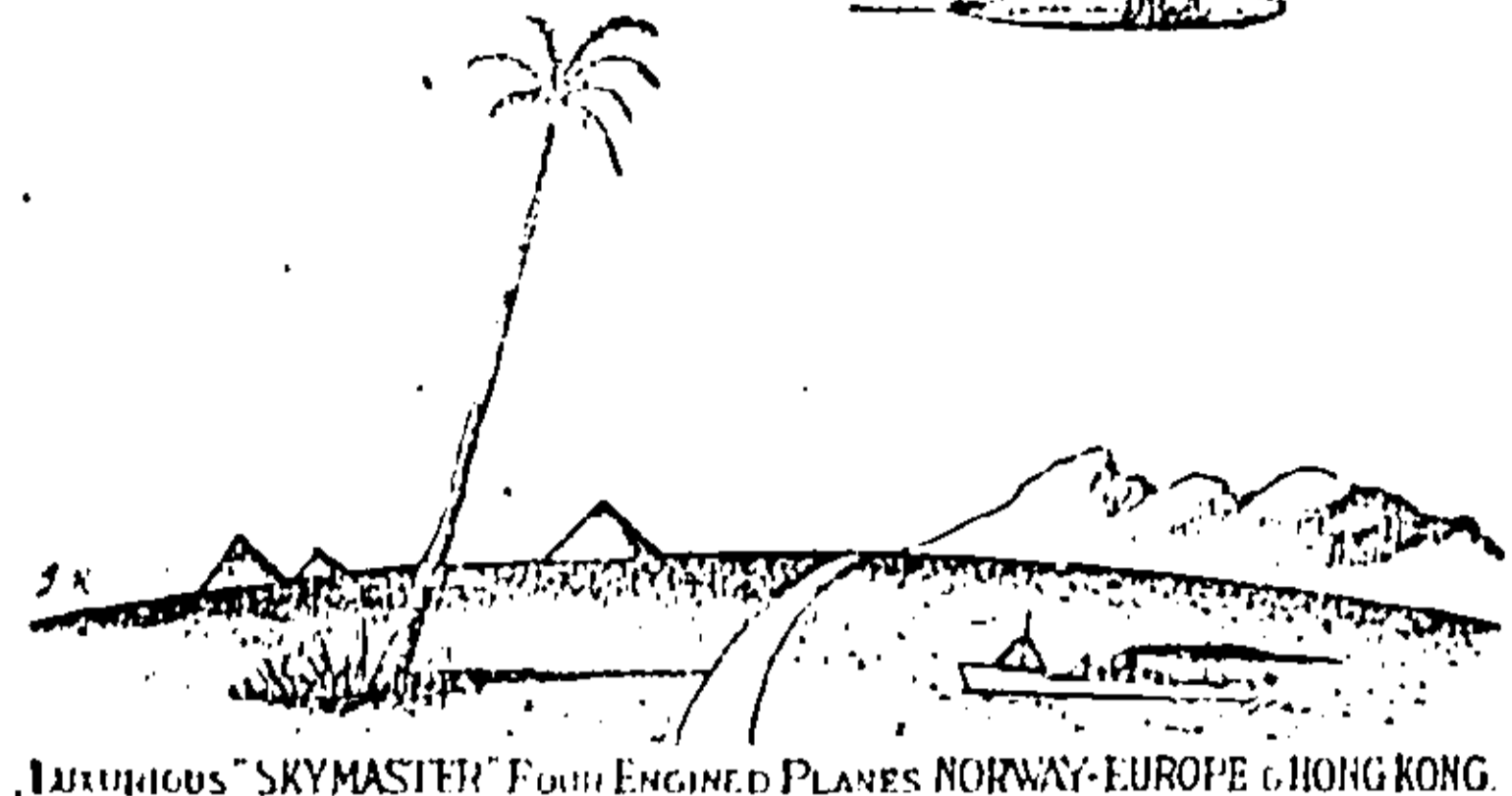
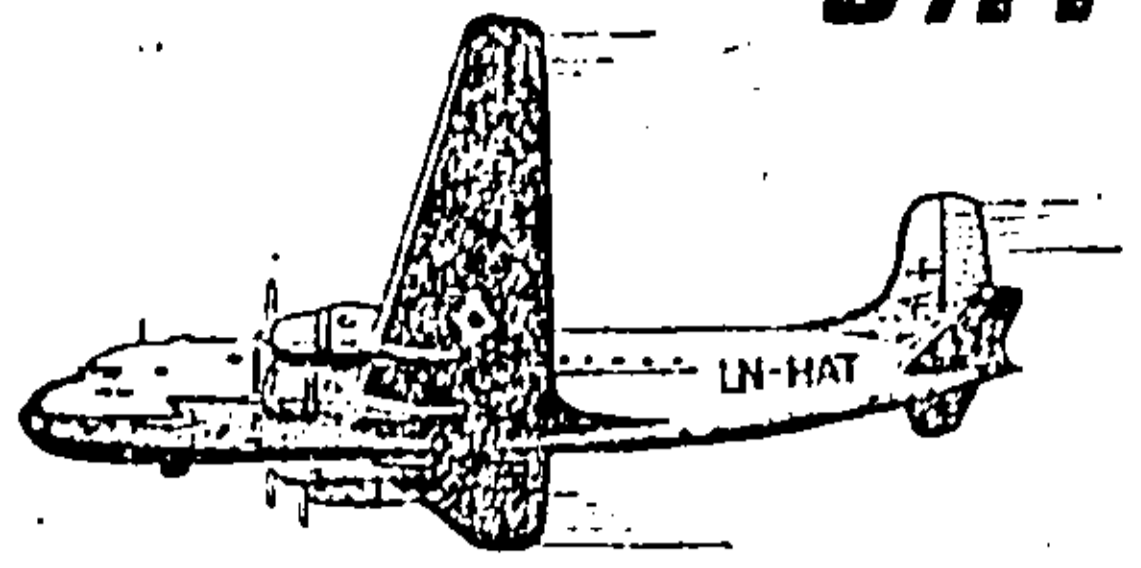
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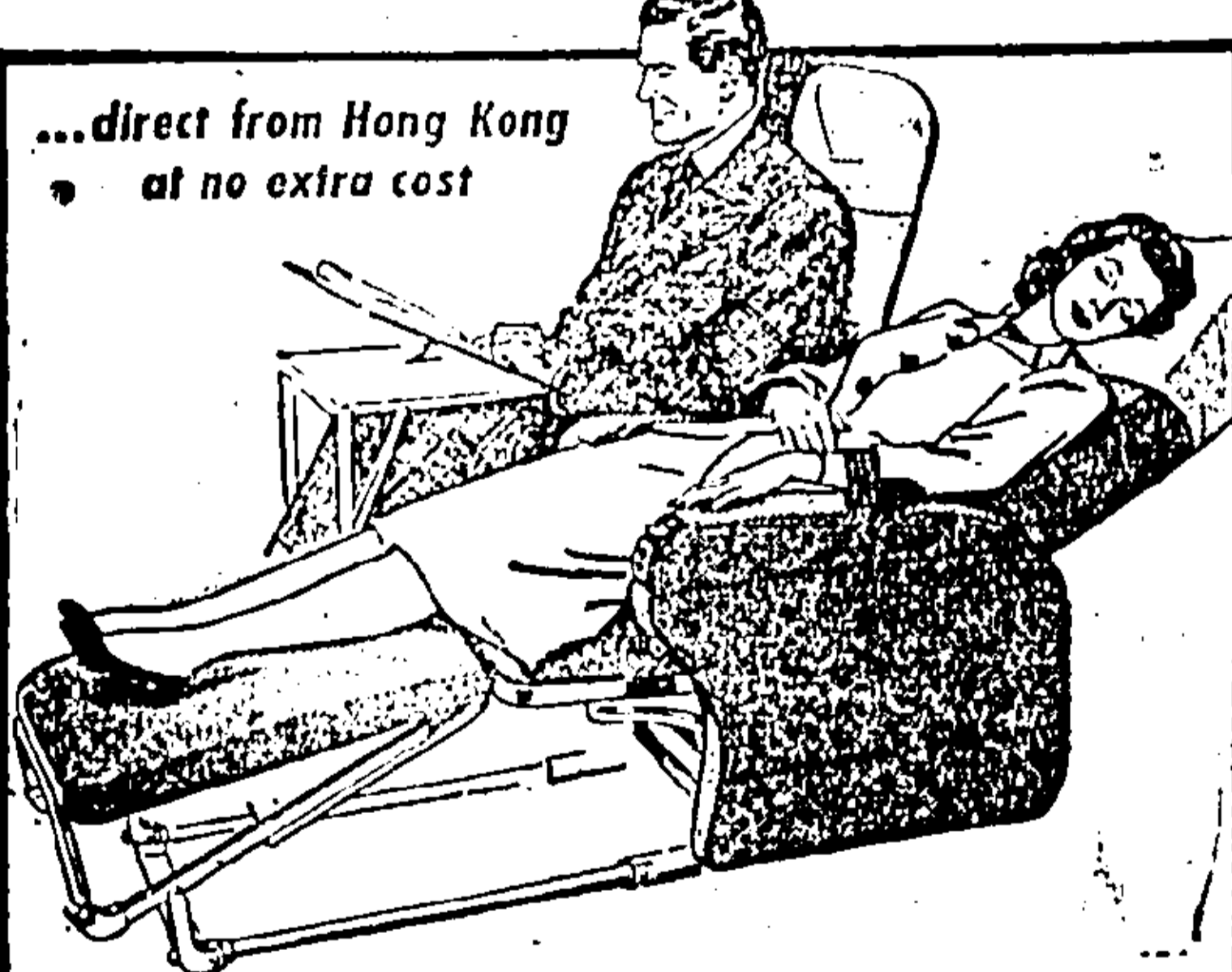
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# World Mourns For Gandhi

## Britain Shares India's Grief At The Cruel Death Of A Great Man

*"Inspiring Example In A Distracted And Troubled Age" — Attlee*

News of the assassination of Mr. Gandhi has shocked the world. Everywhere, from London to Nanking, from Washington to Moscow, from Nairobi to Karachi, tributes have been paid to his inspiring example to the people of the world and to the great moral and spiritual example he set to the people of India. His death at such a critical time in the history of the new Dominions of India and Pakistan has been compared to that of President Roosevelt at the end of the war. In the words of a telegram from Mr. Attlee to Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, "the loss of his unique personality will be received in sorrow, not only in this country, but in all parts of the world."

A pungent comment on the crime is reported in a Reuters message from Rome, where Count Carlo Sforza, Italy's Foreign Minister, is quoted as saying: "Mr. Gandhi's murder gives the last touch to the atmosphere of bestiality which is everywhere confusing our generation. Europe invented nationalism. This theory is passing to Asia and Africa, now dripping with blood and stained with crime."

London, Jan. 30.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, issued a statement saying, "Mr. Gandhi's moral and spiritual leadership have been an inspiring example on a distracted and troubled age, and Britain will share India's grief at this calamity."

Many politicians associated with the British policy in India, including some of Gandhi's personal friends, also expressed their grief. Among them were the former Secretary of State for India, Mr. Leopold Amery, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer and a well-known friend of India, and Lord Patrick Lawrence, who was Secretary of State for India when British rule in the subcontinent was drawing to its close. Lord Halifax, former Viceroy of India, said:

"I suppose there are very few men like Mr. Gandhi in the world today who by their personal character and example have been able to inspire in the thought of their generation."

Mr. Winston Churchill said: "I am shocked at this wicked crime."

Paris:

The French National Assembly stood in silence when the Acting Speaker read out the news.

It then unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by the Premier, M. Robert Schuman, which said:

"The French National Assembly sends to the Government and the people of India its deepest condolences. In the person of Mahatma Gandhi the Assembly honours a friend of France, a patriot, and above all, a thinker whose example, we hope, will show the world that love is stronger than hate."

United States:

Washington: A White House spokesman said President Truman described Gandhi's death as "a tragic loss to the whole world."

"Mr. Gandhi was a great Indian Nationalist, but at the same time he was a leader of international status."

"He was revered by the people of India and his influence was felt not only in the affairs of Government but also in the realm of the spirit."

"Unhappily he did not live to witness the full realisation of those ideas for which he struggled in his life, and his work will be through the years to come, the greatest monument to him."

S. Africa:

Capetown: The South African Premier, General Jan Smuts, said that Mr. Gandhi was one of the "great men of our time."

"A Prince among men has passed away and we grieve with India in her irreparable loss," General Smuts added.

Nairobi: The large Indian population of Nairobi was deeply stirred by the death of Mr. Gandhi. A large number of the people gathered in the centre of the town this evening to mourn his death and all Indian business premises are to be closed tomorrow.

Egypt:

Cairo: Egyptians, many of whom had only a short time before visited the Mosques for Friday prayers, received the news of Mr. Gandhi's death in shocked silence.

The Egyptian State radio station interrupted its broadcast

### "FATHER OF INDIA"

Durban, Jan. 30.  
Mr. Mahatma Gandhi, the Mahatma's son, who is editor of the newspaper "Indian Opinion," which his father established, said here tonight:

"I have lost my father but he is not my father — he is the father of the whole of India and the sincere friend of the whole world. I must surrender to the will of God. He must have a purpose in taking him away from us. He is no more with us physically but his spirit will guide us from above." — Reuters.

to announce the assassination.

Indians, of whom there are a number in Cairo, had the greatest difficulty in believing the news which reached the city too late for the evening papers and their feelings were generally expressed by one who said: "A saint has vanished from the earth."

Ceylon:

Ceylon: The news of Mr. Gandhi's death came as a shock and spread like wildfire through Ceylon. Crowds gathered in the streets to listen to the All-India Radio broadcast and later besieged news agency and newspaper offices with phone calls seeking confirmation.

Mr. V. G. I. High Commissioner for India, told Reuters: "It is terrible. It is too terrible news to say anything in words."

The Prime Minister, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, said: "I am too shocked to be able to think what result this tragedy will have, not only in India but the whole world."

Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Minister of Home Affairs, said: "This is an unthinkable tragedy, not only to India but to the whole world. My first thoughts are of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the enormous responsibility that now rests on him."

China:

Nanking: The Chinese Government in an official statement issued tonight by Dr. Hollington Tong, Director of the Information Department — expressed deep regret at Mr. Gandhi's death. The statement said:

"The Chinese Government learns of Mahatma Gandhi's tragic death with a feeling of profound sorrow. A great spiritual leader has been taken from us. The world can ill spare him."

"Mr. Gandhi's death at the hand of an assassin just at the moment of India's freedom is a staggering loss to his people. Mr. Gandhi was the architect of India's freedom. Without his heroic leadership and sacrifice the country would still be far from its goal."

"He symbolised in his own person the highest ideals of his people. The Mahatma was shot down while leading his last noble fight for India's unity."

"His death in the cause of a united India raises him to a pedestal of supreme greatness. China feels the loss with profound grief."

"His ideals will live after him as an inspiration to posterity."

Moscow:

Moscow: Immediately after hearing the news of Mr. Gandhi's assassination, Mrs. Pandit

### MESSAGE FROM THE KING

London, Jan. 30.  
His Majesty the King has sent the following message to Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General of India:

"The Queen and I are deeply shocked by the news of the death of Mr. Gandhi. Will you please convey to the people of India our sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss which they and indeed mankind, have suffered." — United Press.

### TRUMAN: "ENDURING EXAMPLE"

Washington, Jan. 30.  
President Truman today said he hoped the "tragic death" of Gandhi would inspire the people of Asia to achieve the goals for which he gave his life.

Mr. Truman said, in a message to Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General of India: "Another great among men has fallen in the cause of brotherhood and peace."

The President also issued a formal statement:

"Gandhi was a great Indian nationalist, but at the same time an Indian leader of international stature. His teachings and his actions left a deep impression on millions of people. He was, and is, revered by the people of India; his influence was felt not only in affairs of government but also in the realm of the spirit."

"Unhappily, he did not live to witness full realization of those ideals for which he struggled, but his life and his work will be through the years the greatest monument to him."

"His struggle for betterment of his people will, I am sure, endure as an example for India's leaders, many of whom were his disciples."

"I know that not only the people of India, but all peoples, will be inspired by his sacrifice to work with increased vigour toward brotherhood and peace, which the Mahatma symbolized." — United Press.

### "Dangerous To Be Too Good" — GBS

Ayat St. Lawrence, England, Jan. 30.  
Saddened by the assassination of his longtime friend and admirer, Mahatma Gandhi, George Bernard Shaw had this comment to make today:

"It shows how dangerous it is to be too good."

Shaw many times has paid high tribute to what he called Gandhi's saintly qualities and said, reportedly, "I have a casual personal liking for this astonishing man."

Invited a few years ago to give a message for Gandhi, the great playwright, now 91, asserted, only half in jest, "being myself a Mahatma, I never send messages to my colleagues in that profession." — Associated Press.

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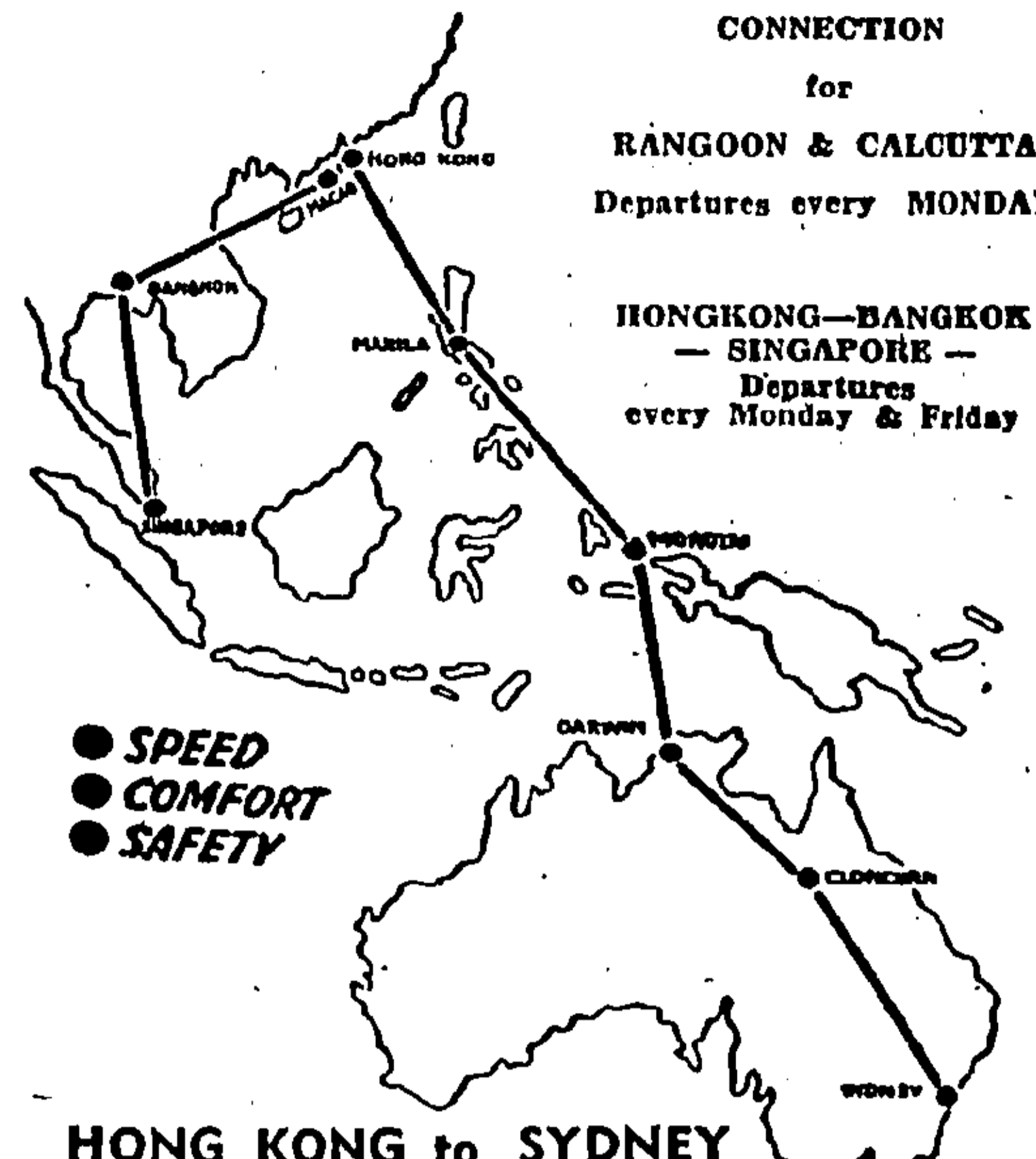
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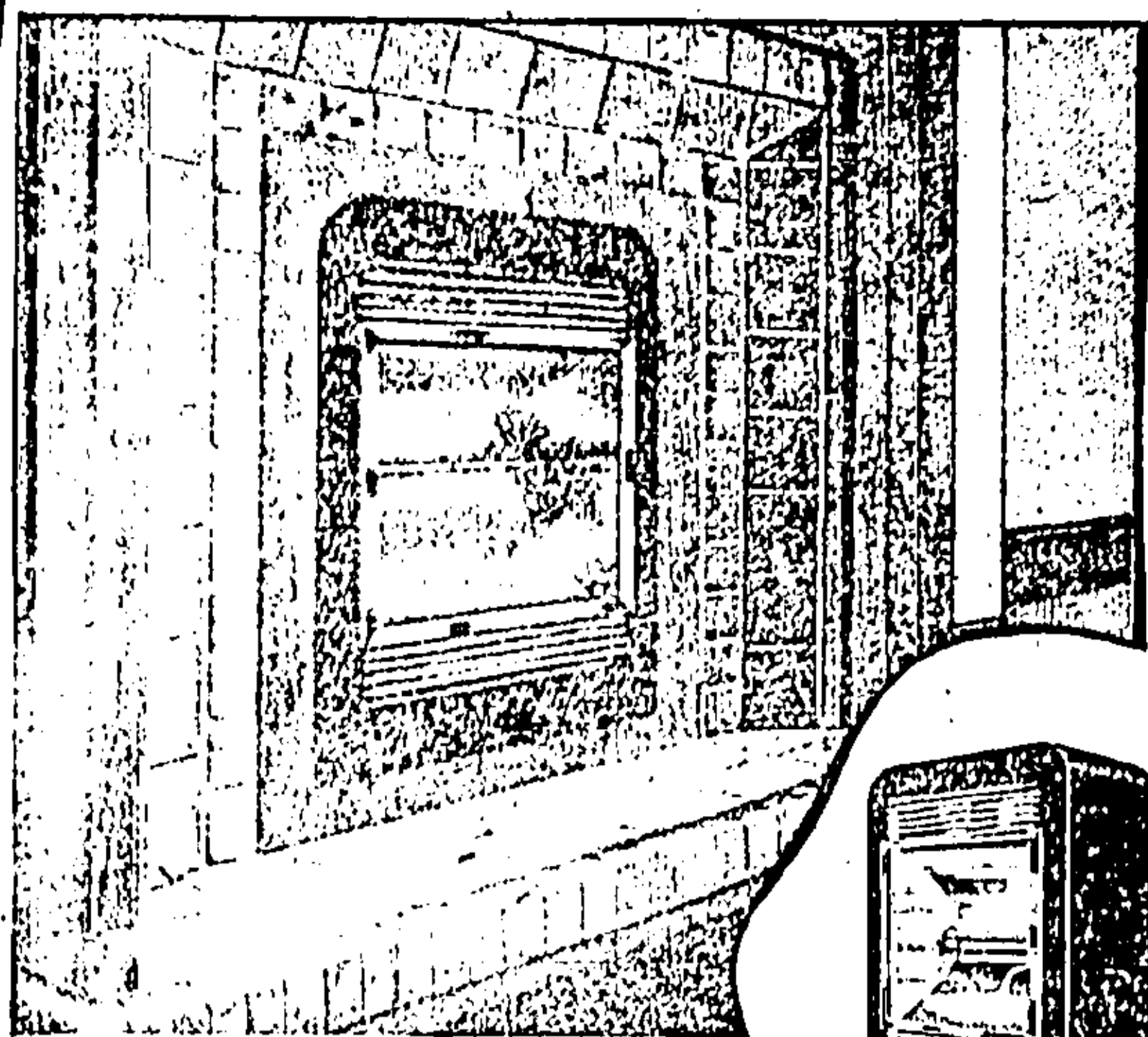
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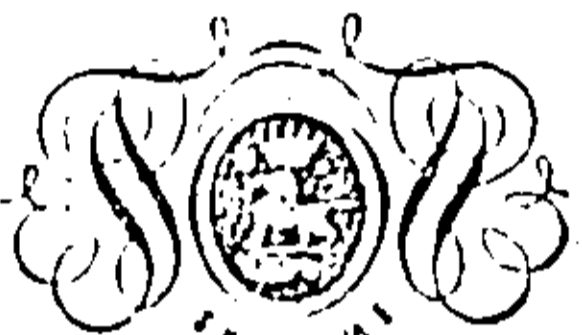
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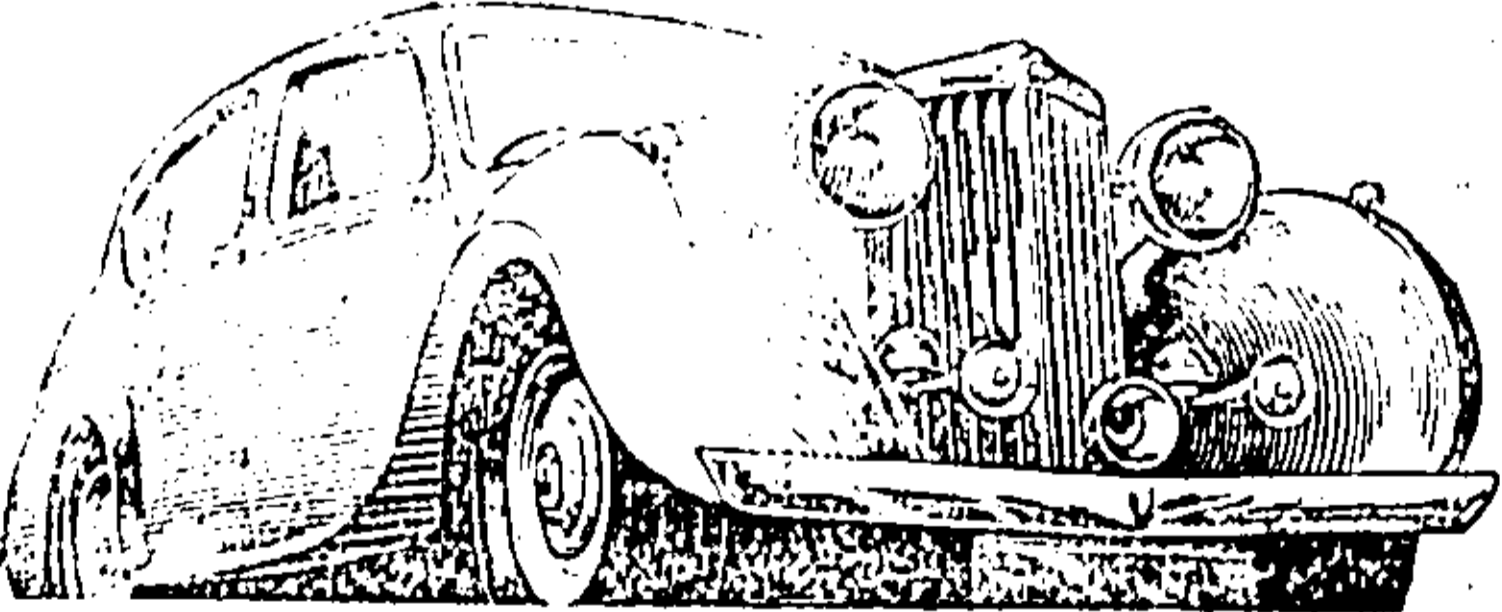


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# HOW GANDHI MET HIS DEATH

## Head Cradled In Grand-Daughter's Lap

### "Bapu Is Finished"

New Delhi, Jan. 30.

The 78-year-old Indian whose people called him the "Great Soul of India" died at 12:15 GMT with his head cradled in the lap of his 16-year-old grand-daughter, Mani. Just half an hour earlier, the Hindu fanatic had pumped three bullets from a small calibre revolver into Gandhi's frail body, emaciated by years of fasting and asceticism.

Gandhi was shot in the luxurious gardens of Birla House in the presence of 1,000 of his followers whom he was leading to a little summer pagoda where it was his habit to make his evening devotions.

Dressed, as always, in a homespun sack-like dhoti and leaning heavily on a staff of a stout wood, Gandhi was a few feet from the pagoda when the shots were fired.

Gandhi crumpled to the ground, instantly putting his hand to his forehead in a Hindu gesture of forgiveness to his assassin. Three bullets penetrated him at close range—one in the upper thigh, one in the abdomen and one in the chest. He spoke no word before he died.

The moment before he was shot he said, some witnesses believe that he was talking to the assassin—"You are late." The assassin had been standing beside the garden path with his hands folded and palms together before him in the Hindu gesture of greeting. But between his palms he had concealed the revolver with which he shot Gandhi at a range of a few feet. He fired a fourth shot in an attempt to commit suicide but the bullet merely creased his scalp.

Shots from the pistol sounded like a series of firecrackers going off and it was a moment before Gandhi's devotees realized what happened.

They turned on the assassin savagely and would have torn him into bits had not the strong police guards intervened with rifles and drawn bayonets.

### "Bapu Is Finished"

Gandhi was quickly borne to Birla House and placed on a couch, with his head in his grand-daughter's lap. Within a few minutes she spoke to the stricken throng, including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Premier of India, "Bapu (father) is finished."

Then Mani rose and sat cross-legged beside the body of the man whose life was forfeit for the cause of peace and humanity and began to chant the 2,000-year-old verses of Bhagavath Gita, the Hindu scripture.

Hour after hour, thousands upon thousands of men and women surged to the villa, demanding a last look at Gandhi. They threatened again and again to overwhelm the sweating police who fought with bayoneted rifles to hold them back.

### Dramatic Scene

Last night, as the walls of the women and the grief-stricken cries of the men echoed throughout the capital, the full-length windows of the balcony opened suddenly.

Out of the windows stumbled a little group of Gandhi's followers, carrying in their arms the frail body of their leader.

As the crowd gasped and surged forward, the body, with its blood-soaked garment covered by a white sheet, was placed in a chair facing the crowd. A spot light beam blazed on the wizened brown face, and the eyes closed in repose. Little Mani folded her hands before Gandhi's face in a symbol of the last blessing by the leader to his people and lovingly stroked his head.

Earlier, news of the death had spread with almost incredible swiftness. Wailing, moaning and beating their breasts, men and women began converging on the villa from all over the capital. Jewelled women elbowed beggars in the crowd.

As newspaper extras and the radio told the story, the crowd became throngs which choked Queensway and other streets in a living mass. At the villa, despite reinforcements in the police, some managed to scale the 15-foot garden wall and joined Gandhi's followers peering through the villa windows.

Lord Mountbatten joined the circles of leaders around the body. Late last night, Pandit Nehru tried to address the crowd around the villa, but was overcome and collapsed. Police helped him to the porch, where he told the crowd weakly:

"Dear Bapu is no more. Let us not cry but carry out the ideals he preached."

The body lay during the night on a rough work bed, with its head to the East.—United Press.

## Gandhi Hoped To Live To Be 125

### By Walter J. Mason

New York, Jan. 30.

Mohandas K. Gandhi once wanted to live to be 125. But only three weeks ago he said he did not want to live that long in a world torn by strife. In one of the last interviews he granted a foreign correspondent, Gandhi told me he did not want to live to see either "world carnage or the mutual destruction that is going on" in India.

I visited Gandhi just before I left India. He was sitting in the brilliant sunshine on the grounds of Birla House, only a few yards from the spot where he was assassinated. When I asked him if he still hoped to live beyond the century mark, the wizened Mahatma grinned.

"You are taking 25 years off my life!" he said. "My ambition is to live to be 125!" But then, suddenly grave, he added:

"Here you may use the word 'despair.' I don't want to live to see world carnage or the mutual destruction that is going on here. Today I am not playing an effective part (in restoring Hindu-Muslim peace). In the Union (of India) all people must feel equally safe, whether Hindu, Muslim, Sikh or Christian. I am sorry to say that now there are complaints even from the Christians."

"Nothing has happened, but all these things are in the air today and no one can say when his turn will come."

A week later Gandhi was to undertake his last fast for peace. If true peace were to come to India, Gandhi said then, it would double "my intense wish to live a full span of life doing service to humanity... at least 125 years, or, as some say, 133 years."

### Doubt

But once before he expressed doubt that he would attain the goal. That was last summer when he told of his sorrow that rioting Indians had not observed the teachings of non-violence.

Although his fast a year ago succeeded in stopping the Calcutta riots, he was bitter over the bloody Hindu-Muslim fighting which later swept India's capital of Delhi and the Punjab.

"Peace in Delhi, in so far as it is peace, is brought about by police and the military and not by my teachings," he told us. "Did he despair of bringing about non-violence?"

"I did not say that," he replied. "A man who believes in non-violence cannot despair; he cannot afford to despair."

"The people have not grasped the technique of non-violence. Somewhere there is a link missing. Non-violence is like God—it cannot fail."

### "Truth Is God"

"God and truth are not only convertible terms, but truth is God. It is like a coin. On one face truth is written; on the other, non-violence. It is always possible for the non-violent man to fall if he has not sufficient inward strength. I would place myself in that category."

In our last half-hour talk, Gandhi's words were taken down by one of his secretaries in accordance with the custom of preserving all his utterances.

We talked of the fighting between Kashmir raiders and Indian troops; of the possibility of fighting between India and Pakistan; and of Gandhi himself.

## UNO Flag Half-Masted

Lake Success, Jan. 30.

The United Nations today lowered its blue and white flag to half-mast for the first time, in mourning for Mohandas K. Gandhi.

The flag will fly at half-mast for three days, as will also the flags of the 57 member nations usually unfurled in front of the United Nations offices here.

—Associated Press.

## Tram Jumps Rail, Twelve People Die

Wuppertal, Jan. 30.

Twelve people were killed and at least 33 injured in a tramway disaster at Wuppertal, in the Ruhr, last night.

A heavily crowded tramcar jumped the rails at the bottom of a steep incline, ran into a standard and finally rammed a tree.

British soldiers helped in the rescue work and moved some of the injured to a British military hospital.—Reuter.

## UNO Pays Sorrowful Tribute

Lake Success, Jan. 30.

The United Nations today paid sorrowful tribute to Mohandas Gandhi, apostle of non-violence and symbol of the United Nations' own search for peace.

The Security Council, worried by the Moslem-Hindu strife responsible for Gandhi's death, postponed its debate.

Council members and the rest of the UN diplomatic corps were shocked by the crime and fearful that it portended mounting violence and bloodshed in India and Pakistan.

The Council devoted the afternoon meeting to eulogies on the little Indian leader, then delayed until next week the next round of the dispute between India and Pakistan over Moslem-Hindu disagreements and violence.

Mr. Fernand van Langenhove of Belgium, President of the Security Council, said Gandhi's death had sent "a tragic emotion coursing throughout the world."

The United States delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, said Gandhi's death was "martyrdom" while the Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, said Gandhi had left a "deep mark in the history of India and her peoples."—United Press.

## Stalin's Health Is Good

Warsaw, Jan. 30.

Marshal Stalin was in very good physical condition when he received the Polish mission which negotiated the recent Polish-Soviet trade agreement in Moscow, the Polish Premier, M. Jozef Cyrankiewicz, said today.

"Mr. Bevin's speech had no influence on the Polish-Russian talks, but we hold the same views on Mr. Bevin's politics," he said.

"The question of a Balkan Union was not discussed. That is not our problem. But Poland hopes to strengthen her political, cultural and economic relations with the Southeastern countries."

"Our agreement with Moscow will aid our reconstruction and thus will aid peace," the Premier said.

M. Wladislaw Gomulka, Communist Vice-Premier, said that no new conference of the nine Communist parties of the Cominform had been arranged but a meeting "will take place if the international situation requires it."

M. Gomulka added that "the system of alliances in the East is not a bloc but is purely defensive in aim."—Reuter.

Britain has acknowledged the receipt on Thursday of a request by the United States for reopening Mellaha air field, near Tripoli, which remains under British jurisdiction pending disposition of the former Italian colony. The request has been taken under consideration.—Associated Press.

London, Jan. 30.

"Perhaps if I live to be 125, I will be able to come!"

He wished us godspeed on a journey to the United States. As we walked away, another in our continuous stream of callers entered.—Associated Press.

## Korean Election Plans

Washington, Jan. 30.

The chairman of the Korean Commission, Col. Ben Limb, today urged the United Nations Commission in Korea to proceed with elections in the United States Zone in the southern part of the country, since the Soviet Union refused to admit them to the Northern Zone for the purpose.

Asserting that the "gravely disturbed political and economic condition of Korea makes any further delay dangerous," Limb said:

"It would be a grave mistake for the UN Commission to abandon or postpone the plan unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly for election in Korea prior to March 31."

He added:

**TOO LATE**  
Shanghai, Jan. 28.

Chinese traders arrived much too late in Japan to secure any profitable trade contracts with the Japanese, according to Mr. Sung Yi-sung, general manager of the Taiwan Sugar Company, on returning here from Japan.

Mr. Sung said the Japanese have made tremendous progress in their reconstruction and described their way of handling Japan's "trade problems" as amazing.—Reuter.

Santa Monica, Calif., Jan. 30.

Shirley Temple, 19-year-old film star, gave birth today to a daughter to be named Linda Susan. Temple, formerly the world famous child star of the 1930s, married John Agar, a film star, in 1945.—Reuter.



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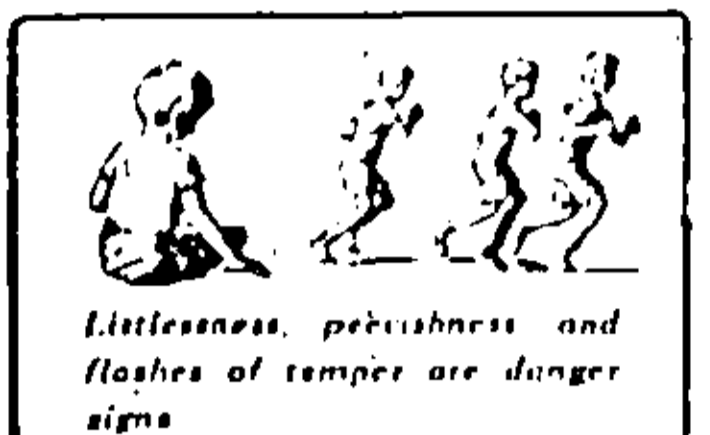
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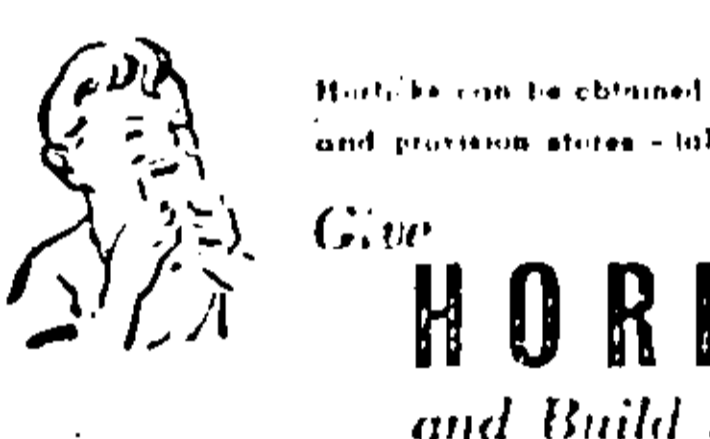
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By HOLT

## CONTINUING Inquiry Into Faith... by JACK THOMAS

There are five million men and women living in the world today who will tell you that they know the answers to many of the questions that are troubling mankind.

They call themselves British-Israelites, members of a World Federation which has its strength in Britain, North America, and Scandinavia. Here are some of the things they believe are going to happen:

From now until November 10, they say, the British Commonwealth of Nations will be completing its withdrawal from the existing economic world order due to collapse by September 22, 1950.

In the three years between September 22, 1950, and August 20, 1953, the world's aggressive military systems will be finally destroyed.

Between August 26, 1953, and September 17, 2001, there will be a general "clearing of houses" in preparation for what they call the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. And on September 17, 2001, begins the Millennium, an unparalleled period of peace and prosperity for all mankind.

There is no guesswork about all this, say the British-Israelites. It has been ordained since time began. It is written in the Old and New Testaments, corroborated by the "secrets" of the Great Pyramid. What gives the British-Israelites their unshakable certainty?

## The Pyramid's "Message"

For the beginning of the story we must go back 2,000 years before the birth of Christ, when the Egyptian despot Cheops ordered work to begin on one of the greatest engineering projects the world has ever seen: the Great Pyramid of Gizeh.

For 26 years an army of slaves sweated and died to build this monument, which is 484 feet high, and 760 feet along the base of each side.

The British-Israelites believe that the Pyramid was built to carry a Divine revelation. The men who designed it, they say, foretold the foundation of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and prophesied that the British and American peoples—the "ten lost tribes of Israel"—should lead the world back to God.

Archaeologists more prosaically assert that the structure was intended as a tomb or as an observatory, but when explorers tunneled into the heart of the Pyramid, they found no sign of the mummy of Cheops.

Was the building an observatory? Perhaps. Certainly, whoever designed it must have had an amazing knowledge of astronomy. For the Pyramid stands at the true centre of the land surfaces of the globe. It is exactly oriented to the four cardinal points of the heavens. And the "great circle," coinciding with the centre lines of the ascending and descending internal passages, and the "grand gallery" must, at the date of building, have coincided with an arrangement of stars which recurs only once in every 25,827 years and which establishes the date of the start of construction as 2170 B.C.

## Faith Beats Crisis

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## 5 Million Know When Utopia Is Coming

They say that the Great Pyramid and the Bible hold the secrets of mankind

earth (91,837,322 miles). Its estimated weight is 5,750,000 tons, one-billionth of the estimated weight of the earth. And its total base circumference is 36,524 inches (a decimal point after the third figure gives 365.24—the number of days in the solar year).

The British-Israelites say that these measurements, and others like them, were carefully calculated to enshrine for ever the story of man's relationship with God.

One of the people who hold these beliefs is Harold E. Stough, a dark cheery little man who is secretary-general of the British-Israel World Federation.

Stough first became interested in the faith during the college days. It seemed, he says, to be the one message that gave a satisfactory explanation to

that they would "possess the gate" of their enemies, that they were to "spread abroad to the west, to the east, to the north and to the south," and be a blessing to "all the families of the earth."

## "Destined To Lead"

British-Israelites claim that only one body fits the description—the British Commonwealth of Nations. They seek to show, by history, ethnology and anthropology that the peo-

death, the British-Israelites point out, the multitude of nations, and the temporal grandeur of the highpriest were given to Joseph. The House of Israel was to receive these in "the latter days" (the Christian era). Ten-tribed Israel was to be divorced from the Mosiac Law and their identity lost to history, though not to God. They were to be reconstituted in Christ to enjoy the Israel birthright in the Isles of the Sea.

## Brave New World

They were not promised immunity from war, but they were promised that their kingdom would never be destroyed.

Well, there is an old saying that "Britain always wins the last battle."

Suppose we concede that the Anglo-Saxons are the Chosen People. What message has British-Israel for us today?

Stough says: "British-Israel appeals for the closest co-operation between Britain and the U.S.A., based on their common origin and destiny."

"It stresses that world leadership rests jointly with these two nations."

"Prophecy indicates that Jerusalem is destined once more to become the centre of the Kingdom of God on earth. It shows that the anti-God powers will have Palestine as the ultimate objective of their campaign."

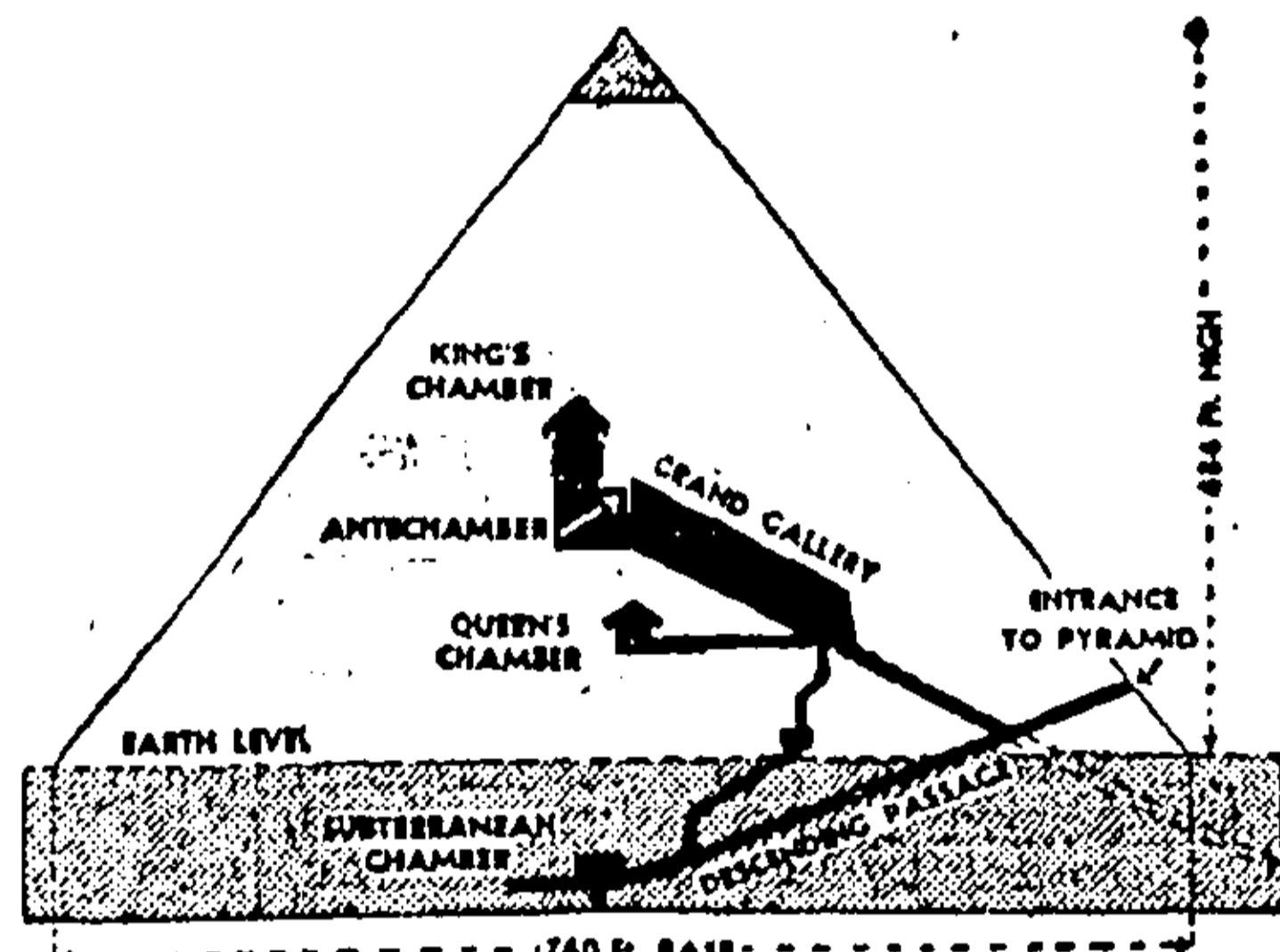
"Germany, as a continuation of the ancient Assyrian power, is broken, bringing the downfall of other nations which put their trust in the Nazi power. Russia, too, seems closely identified in this, and may be recognised as the people mentioned in Ezekiel as Gog and Magog."

"The 'brave new world' will be established within the confines and under the leadership of the Israel peoples. These nations will form the nucleus for the greater Kingdom of God, which will embrace all people."

There you have some of the beliefs of British-Israel. It has no churches, no ministry. It is non-political.

It has 300 branches in Britain, and numbers its British members by the hundred thousand. Its simple message is: "Britain must return to the Laws of God."

Next Week: Reincarnation.



A diagram of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. Five million people believe it carries a message.

the questions of the day. Above all, it made the Christian religion dynamic.

British-Israelites believe that the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic peoples are the descendants of the Biblical Israelites, and that King George VI can trace his descent in an unbroken line from King David the Psalmist.

They believe that the British Commonwealth of Nations are, in effect, God's Chosen People and can never be defeated.

This explains the terrific optimism of the British-Israelites in time of national crisis. It also accounts for the increase in membership during the war and in the uneasy postwar years.

British-Israel teaching is based on Biblical prophecy, backed by the "prophecies" of the Great Pyramid. The latter are based up with the measurements of the Pyramid, its galleries and its chambers. Unless you are a mathematician, you may find it tough going to follow how they are worked out.

Basic facts are the measurements known as the "pyramid inch" (1,001 British inches) and the "sacred cubit" of 25 pyramid inches—the cubit used in building the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant and King Solomon's Temple. It is also necessary to understand such things as the "pyramid displacement factor" and the "gravity constant of reference."

It is all very complicated, but what comes out of all this calculating is interesting. The percentage of "hits" in forecasting world affairs is great.

For example, "The Great Pyramid—Its Divine Message," published in 1942, gave January 30, 1947, as a date on which we in Britain could expect really tough economic gloom. It was the date of the Great Freeze last year.

British-Israelites will tell you that the Pyramid was equally on the mark with the American Declaration of Independence, the two World Wars, the economic depression, and the Palestine troubles.

Must you be a mathematician to belong to British-Israel? Mr. Stough says the Pyramid prophecies are interesting, but not fundamental. The Biblical prophecies are of major importance.

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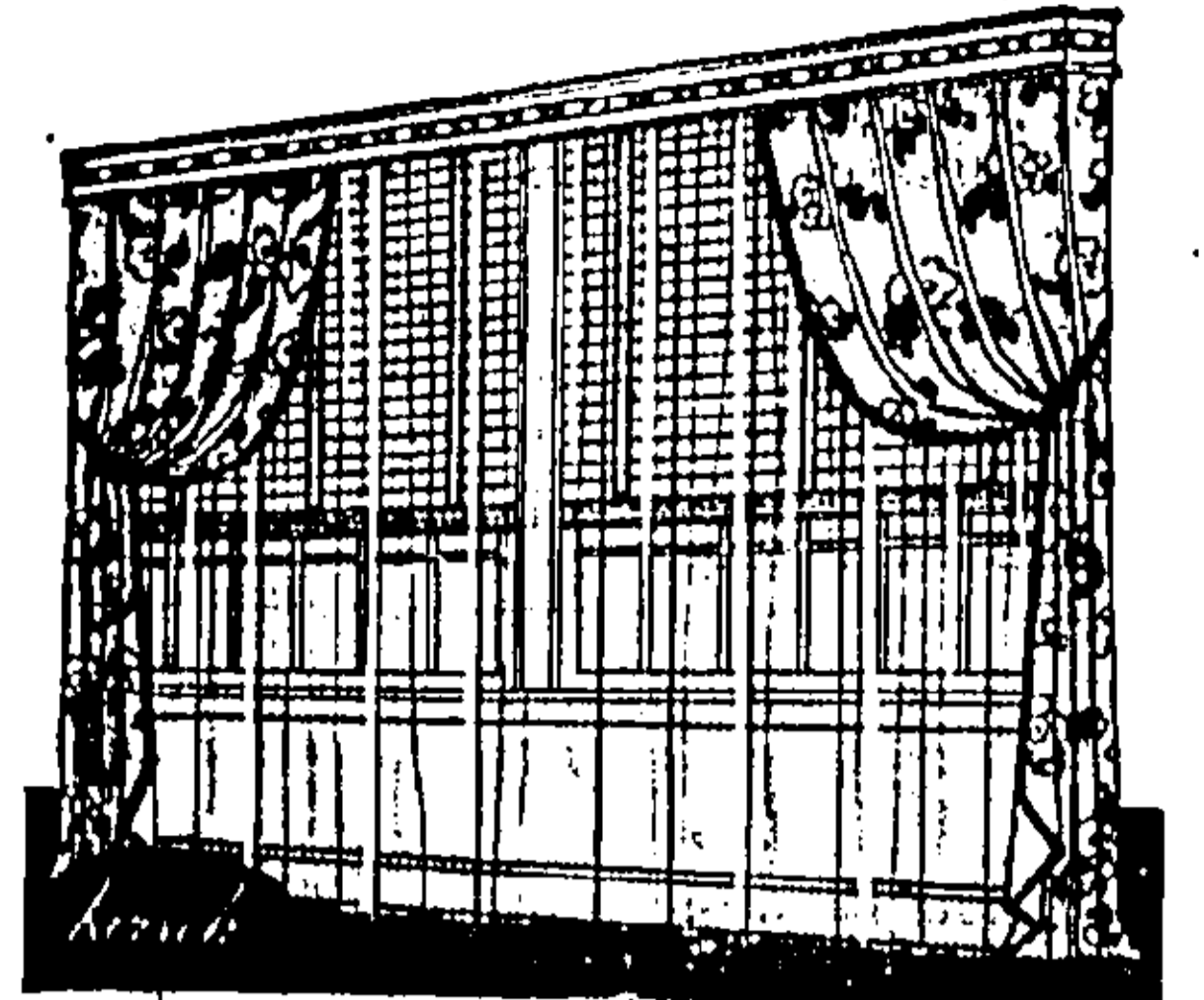
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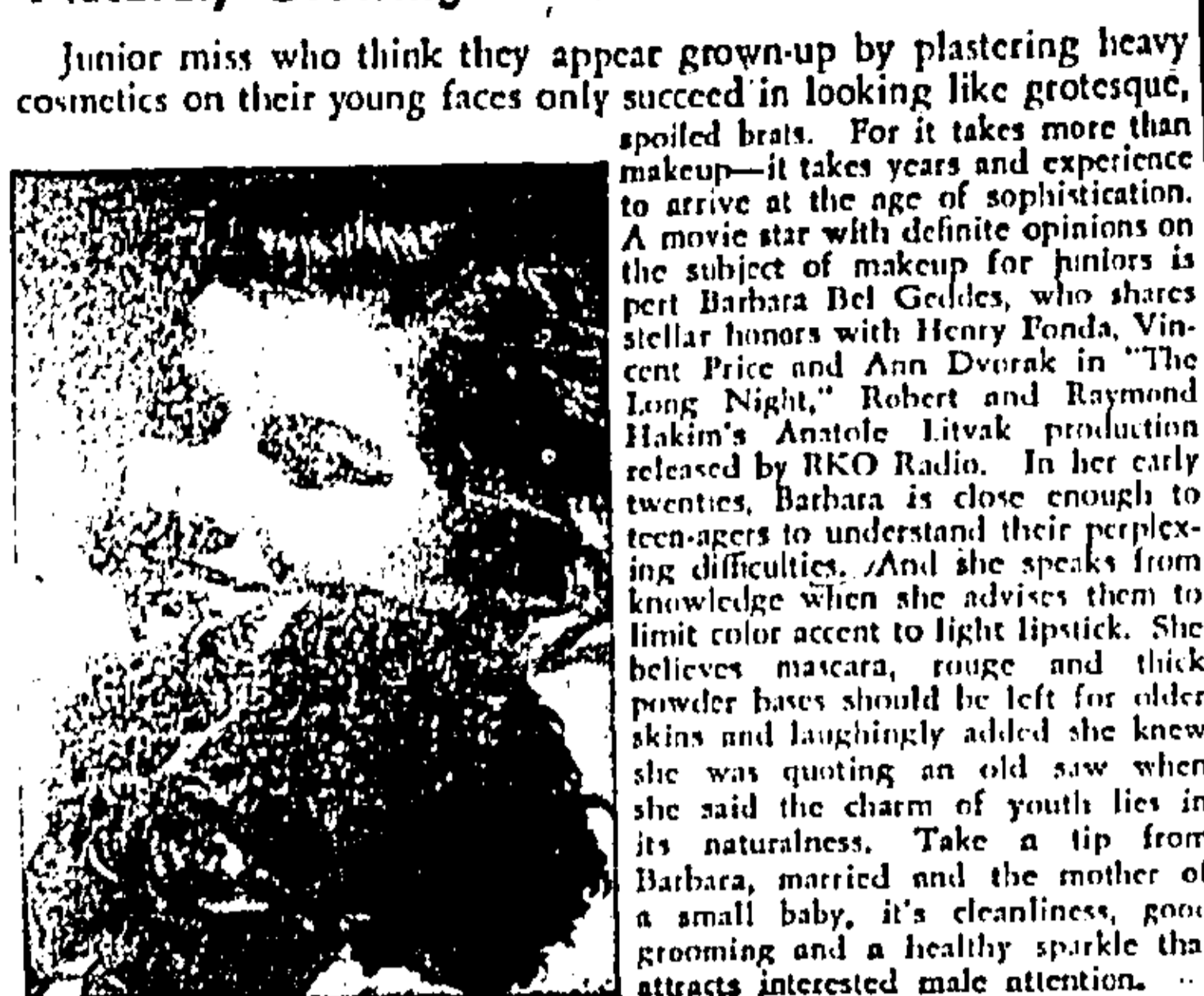
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## CHOOSING A TOY FOR WHAT IT DOES FOR THE CHILD

By MILLICENT TAYLOR

Education Editor of The Christian Science Monitor

### Natural, Glowing Charm Attracts Attention



Junior miss who think they appear grown-up by plastering heavy cosmetics on their young faces only succeed in looking like grotesque, spoiled brats. For it takes more than makeup—it takes years and experience to arrive at the age of sophistication. A movie star with definite opinions on the subject of makeup for juniors is pert Barbara Red Golden, who shares stardom with Henry Fonda, Vincent Price and Ann Dvorak in "The Long Night," Robert and Raymond Hakim's Anatole Litvak production released by RKO Radio. In her early teens, Barbara is close enough to teenagers to understand their perplexing difficulties. And she speaks from knowledge when she advises them to limit color accent to light lipstick. She believes mascara, rouge and thick powder have should be left for older skins and long hair added she knew she was quoting an old saw when she said the charm of youth lies in its naturalness. Take a tip from Barbara, married and the mother of a small baby, it's cleanliness, good grooming and a healthy sparkle that attracts interested male attention.

### Baby's First Solid Food

What shall we give baby for his very first real solid food...

Even though the practice of early mixed feeding is now generally adopted, these questions are always being asked.

The best time to start is when baby weighs about fifteen pounds—usually when he is between four and five months old. He is beginning to become active and needs extra iron and mineral salts in his diet to make up for the deficiencies in his milk.

If he becomes accustomed to other foods and flavors from an early age, he will not only benefit in health, but, when the time comes to wean him, it will not be a case of introducing a completely new diet, with all its attendant trials and troubles, but merely a matter of increasing his intake of foods he already knows and likes.

Raw fruit juice and pulp comes first, beginning with just a tiny spoonful before the two o'clock feed. Soon he will be able to take a couple of tablespoonsful. He may have any kind of fruit, sweetened a little, if necessary, and provided, of course, out here, that the source of origin is safe. Cooking tends to destroy the food value, but one must always play for safety.

**Vegetables And Eggs**  
Next come finely sliced vegetables, whatever is young and fresh—greens, carrots, potatoes, cauliflower etc. Clean, dice and cook them slowly in the least possible amount of water. Start with a teaspoonful at a time, and if baby doesn't seem to like the taste at first, don't bother him, but try him again with the same thing a week or two later and very likely he will take it quite happily. Few babies will develop any "prejudices" about food provided that they are never forced or overpersuaded to eat.

Egg yolk is the third kind of "first food." A teaspoonful of the yolk of a lightly boiled egg is enough to start with, and most babies love it from the first taste. Raw egg yolk may be added to the sliced vegetables, and baby can be gradually accustomed to taking two whole egg yolks a week. Never give any of the egg white, which would be quite indigestible for him.

Here are some general rules about baby's first solid food.

1. Rouge acts as a shadow. So, if it is placed wrongly, it will show depth in the wrong places.

Every baby is different from every other. Even at the earliest age, each baby has his own little ways, his own peculiarities and temperament. But it is also true that most babies can be trained to eat the things that are good for them, always provided that mother uses tact, introducing each fresh item carefully, just a taste, start with increasing the amounts gradually as baby comes to know the flavor, and never trying to force him when he turns his head away.

### "THIRD DIMENSION" IN MAKE-UP

By VICTOR MAMAK

What is "Third Dimension" in make-up? Experts say a perfect make-up is three dimensional—and rouge is the Third Dimension.

Note the skin of youth. It possesses a softness and a depth of color which is lost at a certain age—in some cases quite early, while in others a little later. It is well-nigh impossible to retain the transparency of the skin so clearly evident in the case of youth.

Women, however, have the privilege to show this "flush of youth" in their complexions with the use of cosmetics and make-up. Portrait painters strive to obtain this effect of depth and "third dimension" by the simple application of a prime color applied to the canvas before the portrait is painted. Their purpose is to have this warm glow show through the colors of the portrait—just as the deep color shows through the skin of a young, healthy person.

The same flattering effect of softness and depth in facial make-up can be had by the proper use and correct application of the all-important item—rouge. A face without rouge seems flat, and a face incorrectly rouged will have an unflattering effect.

#### Seventeen Hints

Here are some general rules about baby's first solid food.

1. Rouge acts as a shadow. So, if it is placed wrongly, it will show depth in the wrong places.

### NO COURTS IN 1948

For the ninth successive year, the King and Queen will not hold any formal court in 1948 because of the "state of the nation."

Attendance at one of a series of afternoon garden parties at Buckingham Palace during the summer will count as attendance or presentation at court for society, and again will substitute for the prewar traditional ceremony.

Clothing coupons have come into being since 1939, the last time Britain's debutantes in full court dress made their official debuts by curtsying before the King and Queen as they sat on a dais in the throne room of Buckingham Palace.

No court dress will be necessary for the garden parties—guests wear day dress or service dress if they are officers.

#### Counting Up Coupons

Various rules govern official entrance into Britain's top drawer of society.

Women invited to the garden parties may present their daughters and daughters-in-law and their husbands may accompany them.

If women have changed their names or styles, through marriage or because their husbands have received a title, since their last attendance, they must be presented afresh.

Women domiciled in the dominions and colonies wishing to be presented must apply to the British Commissioner or secretary of state concerned, for presentation by the dignitary's wife.

Women of foreign nationality, either by birth or marriage, can be presented only through the diplomatic representatives of their countries, except in the case of women married to British subjects, or those who hold British passports.

**"Professional Chaperones"**  
Any woman who attended a presentation party in 1947 is not eligible to do so again until 1950 except to present an unmarried daughter.

This last ruling, introduced by the Lord Great Chamberlain in 1920, was said to be aimed at society women who made a considerable income by presenting at court daughters of well-to-do parents without suitable social connections. Advertisements in previous years would read: "A lady whose daughter is being presented is willing to chaperone young girl for the London season, introducing her into the best society; highest reference given and received; particulars on application."

The "professional chaperone" had been until this time an institution in London's West End for generations. A number of titled women had regarded this occupation as a legitimate source of income, or at least pin money. After George Washington turned down a plan to crown him king of the United States, aristocratic Americans sent their daughters across the sea to satisfy their desire to put on ostrich feathers and be presented at court. As many as 21 American debutantes were presented at one time before the war.

Everyone loves toys. But the old days when we went gaily out and bought for junior the toy that most took our eye or that we really wanted ourselves is gone!

Today the educators have taught us that the choice of the right toy at the right moment for the right child is as essential as sunlight to a growing plant. Most parents, aunts, uncles, and admiring neighbors are conscientiously paying attention these days to the sorts of toys they should buy for Christmas giving.

In New York the now-famous Toy Guidance Exhibit is doing a yeoman service in this regard. Manufacturers combine here to display every possible kind of worth-while toy—and the impact of the result is breathtaking. No toys are sold here, and listed prices are approximate. The real service of the Exhibit, besides showing what toys are available today and where they may be found, is the skilled guidance offered to parents and teachers, free.

The seriousness with which educators and social workers regard toys as instruments of learning for children is indicated by the way they have responded to this opportunity to consult about the right toy for the right child.

In the six months since it opened its doors the Exhibit has received scores of visiting teachers and parents, and hun-

dreds of requests by mail for information about available playthings.

Everything is here from rattles to football helmets. The toys that win a place in the Exhibit have to measure up in several ways. They must all, for example, afford amusement, either through action, humor, fascination, imitative play, or competition; be safe for play; and be durably built.

In addition they must have at least one of the following requisites in practical play value:

(1) Aid mental development by providing knowledge, encouraging alertness, inspiring determination, demanding resourcefulness, or requiring concentration.

(2) Aid physical development by exercising the body, inducing muscular co-ordination, or encouraging outdoor activities.

(3) Aid social development by promoting thrift, encouraging group association, teaching poise, preparing for future life, inducing co-operation or inspiring kindness.

(4) Aid vocational development by promoting interests in crafts and hobbies as well as in the sciences of electronics and chemistry.

So you see, the choosing of toys is not to be done irresponsibly.

But the right toy for the right child may be given him at the wrong time. So it is important, also, to know the needs of children at different stages in their development.

I am told that the largest response to the Toy Guidance Exhibit has come from kindergarten and first-grade teachers and directors of pre-school play groups.

Some teachers have come for information to help them buy toys for school use, and others to advise parents.

One teacher from Erie visited the Exhibit recently to make out a list of suitable playthings to take back to her poorly equipped Irish school.

### TEEN-AGERS IN LONDON

The bobby-soxer of America is slowly sinking back into the memory of the war years which bred her—disappearing bit by bit from the social and headline scene.

As her place is taken by the equally individualistic but better-behaved "teen-ager," the bobby-soxer, in a fit of pique, has crossed the Atlantic and set up swoonshop in London.

Nothing surprising in that, granted—after all, youth will be youth. But listen to Harold Hobson, writing in the "Christian Science Monitor": "... Human nature does not vary very much from one side of the Atlantic to the other... But what really is surprising is that Britain's bobby-soxers have been brought into existence by so staid an organization as the Old Vic."

This appearance of the Old Vic's performance of "The Taming of the Shrew," is the first time that London's own bobby-soxers have invaded the public consciousness. Sitting in the gallery during the performance, they swarmed out during the intervals, over the lobbies and stalls and into the circle, autograph books and pencils clutched tightly in their hot little hands.

#### Celebrities Mobbed

Among the celebrities they found this night were Sir Ralph Richardson and Lady Richardson, and Sir Laurence Olivier, sporting a shock of blond hair for his "Hamlet" role.

Harold Hobson says: "... What happened on the stage was almost second in importance to what was going on in the audience."

The performance (not the official stage one, but the other) was finished by prolonged calls from the gallery, at the end of the play, of "Speech! Speech!"

Is it likely that London's B.S.'s will reach the heights that America's did? Or will this sudden "effervescence of adolescence" fizzle out like a bad cracker? London's children have had none of the traditional "fun" of childhood, none of the experience of easy living that would have been theirs if they had been born ten years earlier.

And there is something to be said for the fact that they chose the Old Vic and Sir Laurence Olivier rather than a bobby-soxer man with a soft croaking voice who has already had his day.



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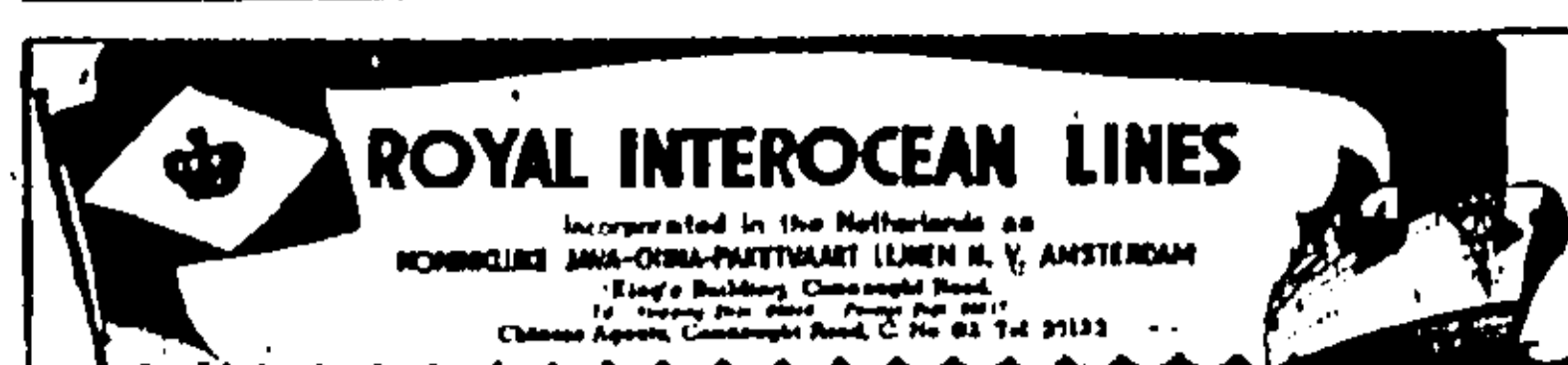
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# U.S. TO DISTRIBUTE JAPAN, GERMAN TEXTILES?

Atlanta, Jan. 31. The National Cotton Council, representing the raw cotton industry of the United States, has spoken out firmly on behalf of the textile industries of occupied Japan and Germany as well as Western Europe, Spain and Egypt. During its recent convention here, the Council adopted unanimously the recommendations of its Foreign Trade Committee. The vote came after a sharp debate during which delegates softened the wording of a resolution concerning the former Axis nations.

The Foreign Trade Committee urged that United States Army and occupation authorities be asked to develop "a competent, vigorous and progressive sales organization, utilizing native talents to the maximum extent feasible, to distribute German and Japanese cotton textiles in private trade channels, and that they seek to direct these textiles into the textile deficit areas of the world."

Ben Williams, of New Orleans, a spokesman for the American Cotton Shippers Association, opposed the resolution. He said the shippers did not want the Army to run any sales organization.

As finally amended, the Council merely recommended

## Wall St. Reaction

New York, Jan. 30. The French National Assembly's stamp of approval on Premier Schuman's currency and gold programmes was favourably received by Wall Street, although no important market changes are expected before Monday.

French francs continued to be offered at 4712 U.S. cents per franc and "securities French francs" remain trading for a premium of 500 francs to one dollar—the lowest in history. And future delivery of sterling on the other hand hardened with covering spot, causing sellers to ask 4.03-1/4, the official selling level.

"Spots sterling are at present holding like the Rock of Gibraltar," a Federal Reserve official told Reuters.—Reuters.

## Mexican Sugar Export

Vera Cruz, Jan. 30. What was believed to be the first shipment of sugar from Mexico left today on board the United States ship "Depaw Victory" for Oakland, California, to be shipped to Korea. The shipment consisted of refined sugar.

Almost at the same time, the British ship "Fort Highfield" entered port to start loading 5,000 tons for Britain. Port officials revealed that a third ship is due within a few days to pick up a cargo of sugar for Italy.—United Press.

## Wall Street Briefs

New York, Jan. 30. Short-term investors were heartened by the improved reception in new stock flotations. It is believed that Union Carbide three for one stock split forebodes moderately higher dividends.

The United States Government is retiring \$2,500,000,000 of public debt during January by utilizing heavy tax receipts.

The Federal Reserve is intimating that unless it gets more powers, there may be a possible revival of black-markets, should price ceilings be re-established. January's Federal Reserve bulletin stated: "Possible direct control over distribution and prices is likely to be effective only if basic steps are taken to limit buying power."—Reuters.

Atlanta, Jan. 31.

"That the United States Army and occupation authorities, pending earliest possible return of private competitive enterprise, seek to direct textiles to the textile deficit areas of the world."

Spain  
Of Spain, the Cotton Council recommended: "That the United States Government reconsider its political economic policies toward Spain with the view of building a more voluminous trade between the two countries. At present, the ambiguous relations between the two countries is militating against trade and especially the sale of cotton."

The Council asked the United States Department of Agriculture to adjust import quotas this year to admit more long staple Egyptian cotton. The Council said there had been a drastic reduction in American production of cotton one and three-eighths inches and longer.

The resolution requested: "That, in view of the possibility of a deficit of this type of cotton during the current season, the Department of Agriculture make a determination of any additional quantity needed by the mills, on the basis of product requirements, until the new supply becomes available, and that the department then recommend to the United States Tariff Commission the appropriate adjustment of the import quotas for this year only on Egyptian cotton one and three-eighths inches and longer."

## Lack Of Cotton

Meanwhile, cotton industry circles in New York said despite tremendous domestic and foreign demand for cotton fabrics some American mills may be forced to curtail production by March or April for lack of raw cotton which could be obtained from Egypt or Peru.

Although the United States is the world's greatest producer and exporter of raw cotton the nation lacks sufficient quantities of long staple fibre, essential for certain fabrics. A deficit of more than 100,000 bales of long staple has aroused concern of wide sectors of the textile industry. Possibility of production curtailments is also worrying labour circles.—Associated Press.

## Inter-Party Strife In Nanking

Nanking, Jan. 31. The inter-party strife over the allocation of National Assembly seats became more acute today as Kuomintang delegates, elected without Party nomination, came out in open opposition to the decision of the Central Party Headquarters ordering them to relinquish their seats in order to give the promised quotas to minority parties.

In a half-column announcement appearing in the local press today, these delegates insisted that the results of the National Assembly elections should in no way be altered and in no circumstances would they consider surrendering the seats in favour of either the Kuomintang or other parties.

These delegates have formed an association to offer organized resistance to the Party's decision and now threatening "collective legal action" unless the order is rescinded. Simultaneously, 195 members of the Kuomintang who had declined to run in the National Assembly elections by following the Party's persuasion in a similar announcement, requested the Kuomintang authorities to uphold its decision, declaring: "Party discipline must be maintained."

## "Fair Play"

Unless the recalcitrant members relinquish their seats as ordered, they said, they would demand that elections be held again "under the principle of fair play." Meanwhile, the Social Democrats and the Young China Party are still insisting on full quotas of 250 and 300 seats respectively, before their inclusion in the constitutional Government.—Reuters.

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## French Banks Open Today

Paris, Jan. 30. All French banks will open on Sunday. It was officially announced here tonight. The measure was taken to allow for end of the month payments which have been temporarily held up by the closure of banks, yesterday and today, because of the French Government's action in blocking 5,000 franc notes.—Reuters.

## N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Jan. 31. Assorted stock market continued to recover, although numerous issues skidded on light selling. Apprehension over foreign affairs, stressed by the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, impeded some selling. Fractional irregularity ruled at the close.

Transfers totalled 899,000 shares. Gainers included Plymouth, Illinois Central, American Woolen. Among losers were Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Allied Chemical, Paramount Pictures, Laclede, Gulf Oil. Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 63.22, 29 Industrials 17.76, 16 Rails 51.65, 20 Utilities 32.62. Closing Stock Quotations—Adams Express 10 1/2, Alaska Juneau 4, American Can 7 1/2, American Smelting 53 1/2, American Telephone 100 1/2, American Tobacco 66 1/2, American Waterways 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 33 1/2, Aviation Corp. 6 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/2, Barnhart 35 1/2, Bendis Aviation 24 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 34 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 21 1/2, Borden Co. 40 1/2, Canadian Pacific 12 1/2, J. I. Case 42 1/2, Chrysler 50, Colgate 48 1/2, Commercial Solvent 25, Corn Products 65, Dupont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 40 1/2, Electric Light & Power 16 1/2, General Electric 34 1/2, General Motors 55 1/2, Goodrich 55, Goodyear 45, Homestake Mining 39 1/2, International Harvester 60 1/2, International Paper 50 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 15 1/2, Johns Manville 87 1/2, Kennecott Copper 46, Montgomery Ward 51 1/2, National Distillers 19 1/2, National Lead 32, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motor 45, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 18 1/2, Radio Corp. 9, Republic Steel 25 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/2, Schenley 28 1/2, Sears Roebuck 34, Shell Oil 35 1/2, US Steel 75 1/2, US Lines 19, Westinghouse 25, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 7 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 11 1/2.—Associated Press.

Shanghai Jan. 31.

A group of 38 French Roman Catholic missionaries are expected to arrive here today following their evacuation from Changchun, capital of Manchuria. They will return to France. With their departure, only five French priests are left in Changchun.—Reuters.

## London Stock Exchange

London, Jan. 30. The slow indecisive course of today's London stock markets was abruptly interrupted by the news of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. Proceedings were brought to a sharp halt whilst dealers anxiously discussed its effect on world events as well as their particular market interest.

All Indian stocks were immediately marked lower and rather nominal as a precautionary measure. Oil shares, Indian electric and banks were the chief sufferers. Business thereafter was completely dried up with a fresh feeling of uncertainty making for lower levels in all markets.

Gifted lost their earlier small gains with Conoco 2 1/2% 1/4 earlier on balance at 70 1/2, and although Industrials also recovered losses, there was no great oil shares, after a promising start, dropped all earlier gains. Anglo-Indian at 9 1/2-10 were 1/2 lower on the day after being 1/2-1/4 higher at 10 1/2-11 1/2. Final prices of electricity were Cawnpore 2/9 lower at 55 1/2, Calcutta 3/9 lower at 40 1/2, Indian Iron 1/3 lower at 50 1/2 and quarter earlier at 24 1/2. The market closed steeper in places, although Indian stocks remained at the lowest.

RECURITIES: British Consols, 1946/75, 70 1/2; 1951/75, 100 1/2; 1961/75, 112 1/2; 1971/75, 103 1/2; 1981/75, 108 1/2; 1991/75, 113 1/2. RAILWAY SHARES: British Transport 3 1/2, 90 1/2-10; Associated Portland Cement Co. 15 1/2; British American Tobacco Co. 6 1/2; British Celanese 24 1/2; British Electric 40 1/2; Calcutta Tramways 30 1/2; J. & P. Coats, ord. 6 1/2; Carreras Ltd. "A" ord. 67 1/2; Courtauld, ord. 43 1/2; Distillers Co. ord. 30 1/2; Dunlop Rubber Co. ord. 77 1/2; Electric & Musical Indus. ord. 19 1/2; Fine Cotton Spinners & Doublers Association 33 1/2; Ford Motor Co. ord. 52 1/2; Imperial Chemical Indus. ord. 50 1/2; Imperial Tobacco Co. ord. 60 1/2; Ireland, ord. 6 1/2-10; Indian Iron & Steel Co. ord. 50 1/2; International Nickel Co. ord. 55; Canada 66 1/2; Lever Bros & Unilever, ord. 78 1/2; Marks & Spencer, ord. 68 1/2; Pinchin Johnson ord. 68 1/2; Ram Nuggur Jutes 24 1/2; Standard Motors 28 1/2; Vickers Ltd. ord. 28 1/2; Woolworth (F.W.) ord. 29 1/2.

TEA SHARES: Assam Consolidated Tea 25 1/2; Assam Frontier Tea 17 1/2; Assam Tea Co. 22 1/2; Dooars Tea Co. 40 1/2; Empire of India & Ceylon Tea Co. 40 1/2; Imperial Tea Co. 47 1/2; JUTE SHARES: Harnaz Jute Factory, Co. ord. 21 N.

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The Recreio Madcap tussle slated for 11.15 a.m. today on the home club's Softball Diamond will be more than a needle game, as both teams grapple for survival in the current flag chase — both outfits have two losses chalked up against them, and though mathematically even with the league-leading Saints, neither side can afford to lose one more tilt if they want to take a peep at the bunting when the wire is reached.

While the Recreio faithful are still indulging in a rumpus after true Hah-sh-manner, mentor Tony Gonzales still sees a glimmer of hope for the pennant despite their heart-breaking loss to the Saints last week. A victory tomorrow will prove to the wolves that they have the stuff while a defeat would certainly be an irrevocable let-down. Mound artist Le Tavares, who faced the mighty Saint bludgeons last week and only limited the opposition to five hits, should be able to hold down the Marquessmen. Just as Tony Gonzales is confident in Tavares, Eddie Marques has a little card up his sleeve who goes around with the handle of Dale Cramer. Dale caused some consternation to rival pennant contenders when he pitched six hitless-runless innings against the Basechangers, who have among their ranks Cicerio, Rozario, Hobo Gomes and Licky Luz, all hitters well over the .300 bracket. Cicerio Rozario was leading the batting race until he fell into a slump and, gave up the throne to Saint slugging first-sacker Stan Leonard. Line-ups will be as follows:—

## RECREIO MADCAPS

Leo Tavares	P	Dale Cramer
Dick Alves	C	Sabu Samy
W. Lawrence	1B	S. Hamet
Tommy Alves	2B	M. Verlysen
G. Gassano	3B	R. Verlysen
H. Soares	SS	R. Roehn
G. Pereira	LF	Ben Scouler
C. Quinn	CF	Stu Hollands
T. Bryant	RF	Bob Remedios

## LEAGUE STANDINGS TO DATE

Men's "A" Division			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Joseph's	7	1	.875
Mano Pereira	6	2	.750
Recreio	5	3	.625
Canadians	4	4	.500
V.R.C.	4	4	.500
Philippines	4	4	.500
Police	3	5	.375
Baseballers	2	6	.250
South China	2	6	.250
Hovers	0	10	.000

## Men's "B" Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Dare-devils	6	1	.857
Recreio	5	2	.714
Blue Berber	4	3	.571
Januaries	3	3	.500
United Nations	3	3	.500
Josephians	3	4	.429
Wildfires	3	5	.375
Rangers	1	7	.125
Comets	0	7	.000

## Ladies' League

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Wahoons	6	1	.857
Recreio	4	2	.667
Wildfires	3	3	.500
Canadians	2	4	.333
Bees	1	8	.125

## MEN'S "A" DIVISION—SUNDAY

At C.B.A. Ground:  
9.30 a.m.—St. Joseph's v. V.R.C. (Doc Molten, Gus Rozario, Hobo Gomes).  
11.15 a.m.—South China v. H.K. Baseballers (Jack Brown, Ed Remedios, Olie Vaz).

At Recreio Football Ground:  
11.15 a.m.—Canadians v. Rovers (Mano Pereira, Eric Guest).  
At Recreio Softball Diamond:  
11.15 a.m.—Recreio v. Madcaps (Hal Winglee, Tony Lopes, Alec Azelo).

At Police Ground:  
11.15 a.m.—Police v. Philippines (Eddie Lawrence, Les Castro, J. Langenberg).

## LADIES' LEAGUE—SUNDAY

At C.B.A. Ground:  
2.30 p.m.—Wahoons v. Bees (W. Lawrence, Bimbi Ablong, H. Moosdeen).

At C.B.A. Ground:  
2.30 p.m.—Comets v. Wildfires (Doc Molten, H. Winglee, I. Erikson).  
4.00 p.m.—Rangers v. Dare-devils (Phil Remedios, Ed Lawrence, Joe Franco).

Sunday—At Recreio Football Ground:  
9.30 a.m.—U. Nations v. Jaguars (A. Campos, Manio Souza, C. Rozario).  
2.30 p.m.—Braves v. Josephians (Phil Remedios, Sabu Samy, Olie Vaz).

HONG KONG INTERPORT  
RUGGER SKETCHES

The Hong Kong Rugby Fifteen which is to meet Shanghai in the northern port on Feb. 10 is, possibly, the strongest team the Colony can muster, with the exception of Alec Taylor, who is not making the trip.

The side contains three pre-war interports—Gessford, Henderson and Godfrey. Thirteen interport matches have been played between Hong Kong and Shanghai. Shanghai have won six and Hong Kong seven. The first match was played in 1924 and the last in 1940.

The following are pen-sketches of the Hong Kong team. This year's Club and Interport Captain. A completely steady full back with a devastating "smother" tackle and a good kick. Inclined to "buy" the dummy on occasion, otherwise defence is complete.

J. Taylor. Started the season in his Shanghai position of scrum-half but has proved himself more at home further back. Lacks speed in attack but unshakable in defence.

T. Morgan. A very steady defender who rarely lets his opposing number move far. Quick to seize an opening, but must improve his handling.

F. Gessford. Vice-Captain and an interporter of pre-war days, nearest to the outstanding outside in the Club team. Always goes for the opening and has ability to make openings for centres. A powerful defender as all Club backs are.

F. D. Clement. Has made great strides since the beginning of the season and proved himself the obvious

J. R. Henderson. Not so sparkling as in his pre-war interport years but still the outstanding outside in the Club team. Always goes for the opening and has ability to make openings for centres. A powerful defender as all Club backs are.

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## BADMINTON LEAGUE Three Teams Still Undefeated Interest In Hockey Reviving Needle Match On This Week

(By Argonaut)

With the Hong Kong Badminton League now entering its fourth week of play, the three "A" Division teams, Recreo "A," Sing Tao and University "A" are still in the lead in the Men's Doubles.

So far these three teams have not met each other, and the clash between University "A" and Sing Tao this Wednesday at the Y.M.C.A. Court will provide the highlight of next week's fixtures.

Both teams have beaten the Recreo before in friendly matches and the expected honour of being the Hong Kong League Champions this year will most likely fall on the winners of this encounter. The University has held the Championship uninterrupted since 1936, constantly having its ranks refilled with fresh blood from Malaya. Although not so formidable as a few years this year's team still numbers three prominent Malaya players in Low Keat So, Amplananar, and T.T. Chui, who can be depended upon to give strong opposition to any club.

The Sing Tao Sports Club makes its initial appearance in Hong Kong Badminton, with the idea of popularising this game among the local Chinese community. Under the captaincy of Robert Tay, it has built up a strong, well-balanced Men's Doubles team, which includes P.K. Hui the 1937/38 and 1938/39 Colony Singles Champion and Patrick Wong and Charles Au the 1939/40 Colony Doubles Champions. The Sing Tao Sports Club are favored to win this match, but whatever the results may be, badminton fans can be assured of a high standard of badminton and a keen struggle.

### "B" Games

The University "B" further consolidated its position at the top of the "B" Division table with a clear-cut victory of 6:3 over the Chung Wah. The remaining serious contenders are now St. John's St. Mary's, and Recreo "B," all of which have not played the University "B" yet.

In the Mixed Doubles, Sing Tao are still leading, followed closely by the University "A." The key match for this Division will be that between the two teams, which will be played off on Feb. 13 at the Y.M.C.A. court. Whereas the Sing Tao team is

equally strong in both men and ladies, the University team is comparatively weak in its ladies. Miss Ulian Khoo, the 1938, 1939 and 1941 Mixed Doubles Champion, showed glimpses of her former form, when in partnership with her original partner P.K. Hui won the winning game for Sing Tao in their League match with the Recreo last week. Miss Winnie Cheung, the 1940 Mixed Doubles Champion, is perhaps the most attractive lady player to watch, possessing a very wide repertoire of strokes. The University will have to leave the brunt of the work to the men players, if it were to produce an upset.

### Local Standard

The announcement of an International Competition for Badminton for the Sir George Thomas Cup has evoked some comments in local sports circles as to the standard of Hong Kong Badminton. Having himself played against such players as A.S. Samuel, Wong Pengsoon, Ooi Teck Hock and Chan Kon Leung in competitive tournaments before the war, the writer will be able perhaps to satisfy some of their curiosity.

On the form shown in the present League matches it must be conceded that the closest that Hong Kong can approach to the Malayan standard is that of the Malayan Junior State tournament. It is true that Low Keat So was the Malayan Doubles Champion at one time, but he only makes half the combination here in Hong Kong.

Even the Shanghai standard is probably higher than that of Hong Kong, but this will be seen when the Sing Tao team visit Shanghai in April to play a series of matches there. (Several reasons can be attributed to the non-improvement of the Hong Kong standard of badminton, the most important of which is the very little attention shown to it by the local press.

### Poor Substitute

There is no shortage of badminton courts in this colony and in fact the number of good indoor courts here is about ten times that in Singapore, where there are actually only two good indoor courts, the Singapore Volunteer Drill Hall and the Clerical Union.

The most important reason, however, is the lack of competitive play other than the Colony Championships which only take place once a year. The League tournament is a very poor substitute since it is only for Men's Doubles and not played according to the usual standard of both Singles and Doubles games.

The Hong Kong Badminton Association should encourage more Singles play to the full length of best of three sets if ever it hopes to improve the local standard.

It may be suggested in these columns that the number of games to be played in each match in next year's League be altered so as to conform to the one adopted in the Sir Thomas Cup Competition which I believe is Four Singles and Three Doubles. This will necessitate a team of 10 instead of the present 6, and will also spare spectators the monotony of watching the same players on.

## SERVICES BEAT INTERPORT SIDE

In their last appearance prior to leaving for Shanghai for the first post-war Interport, the Club Interport XV were beaten by the United Services by two tries (6 Points) to one goal (five points) on the Club ground yesterday.

A fair crowd included Admiral Sir Douglas Boyd, General Sir Neil Ritchie, General C.H. Gardner and General G.W.E. Erskine, G.O.C. Hong Kong.

Club put up a good showing and on their display should do well against Shanghai. Their forwards played well and were all good. Henderson, at stand-off half, played a fine game, while for the Services, de Rome was outstanding in the three-quarter line.

The game started at a fast pace and early on McWhirter was penalised for feet up in a scrum and the resultant free kick taken by Matheson failed. Shortly after a good try was scored by Oliver for Club from a line-out on the Services' line. Oliver gave the Club full points with a fine kick.

An excellent movement by the Services three-quarters put de Rome over for a try but the kick by Matheson was charged down.

The interval arrived with Club leading by 5 points to 3. Club had most of the play in the second half but in the last minutes of the game another unconverted try by de Rome gave United Services a narrow victory.

## Bandit Drive In South

Concerted land and sea drives against bandits and pirates in "trafforous brigands" were launched in Kwangtung Province and its coastal waters, a Government communiqué states. Regular troops have been engaged the bandits at Longmen, Hainan, and Tuengheng, north-east of Canton, the communiqué said. In other parts of the Province the anti-bandit campaign is being pushed by provincial forces under new commanders.

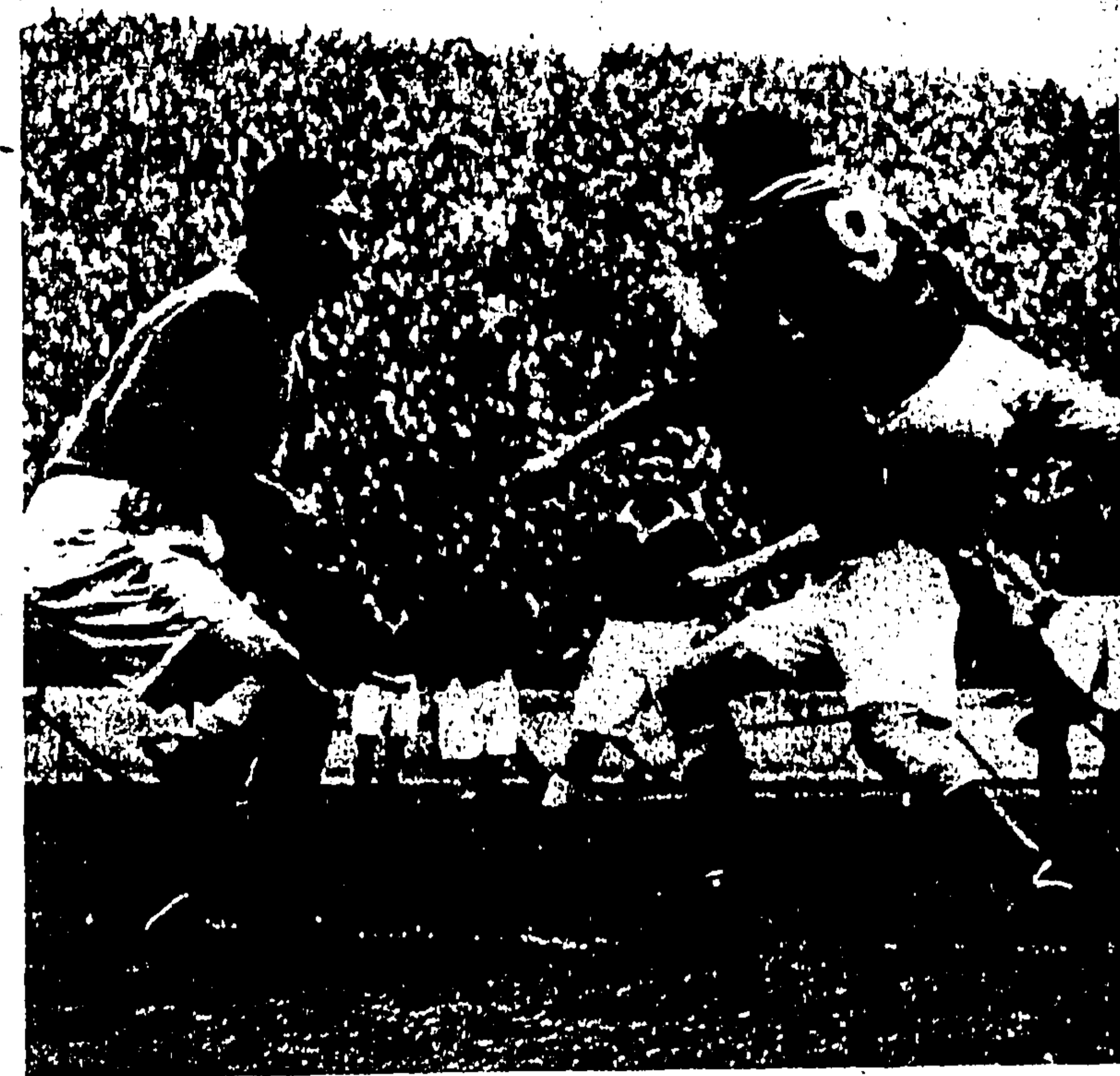
At sea, warships recently sent here from Shanghai are taking part in sweeping the pirates from the Pearl River, Blue Bay and other hideouts. —Associated Press.

## CHINA BUDGET MOVE

In an effort to meet the deficit of the national budget, the Ministry of Finance is making arrangements for the issuance of new United States currency Government bonds this year, totalling US\$100,000,000, according to reports from Nanking carried by the "Financial Daily".

The same source quoted a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance as saying that up to Jan. 24, United States currency Government bonds of 1947, amounting to US\$2,490,000 were sold. —Reuter.

## Action In The Goalmouth



Ken Armstrong, Chelsea centre forward, leaps into the air to head the ball into Huddersfield's goalmouth. Robert Hesford (left) goalkeeper for Huddersfield Town, stands ready. The game was played at Stamford Bridge, and Huddersfield won 4-2. (A.P. Photo).

## Dicky Richardson's Fine Not Out Century

In their first cricket game after the war, Civil Service Cricket Club beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by eight wickets in a friendly cricket game at Chater Road yesterday.

Club batted first and scored 137. Owen Hughes was top scorer with 41 which included six boundaries, and Barclay contributed a useful 31, hitting two sixes and four boundaries. MacLelland, who took four wickets for 48, was the best bowler. Howarth also took four wickets.

Richardson, the Interport opening batsman, was in great form, scoring 107 not out, which included six boundaries in succession. In all he scored 15 fours and two sixes.

H.K.C.C.  
M.M. Little, st. Hughes, b. Perry 25  
L.D. Kilbee, c. Hughes, b. Howarth 16  
L.A. Pearce, bow, b. Howarth 41  
H. Owen Hughes, not out 107  
A. Brown, st. Hughes, b. Howarth 5  
H. Barclay, c. b. MacLelland 31  
O.J. Kerr, b. Howarth 1  
A. Eason, c. Perry, b. MacLelland 0  
M. Harriman, c. Clark, b. MacLelland 4  
D.S. Odell, c. Clark, b. MacLelland 4  
C. Barclay, c. Clark, b. MacLelland 1  
Extras 7

Total 137  
Fall of wickets—1 for 42, 2 for 51, 3 for 52, 4 for 66, 5 for 105, 6 for 108, 7 for 114, 8 for 132, 9 for 136.

BOWLING  
O. M. R. W.  
Howarth 17 3 50 4  
Perry 9 1 32 1  
MacLelland 9 0 48 5

CIVIL SERVICE  
J.E. Richardson, not out 107  
Colledge, c. Kerr, b. Harriman 7  
Perry, bow, b. Owen Hughes 5  
MacLelland, not out 19  
Extras 19

Total (for 2 wks.) 195  
Fall of wickets—1 for 53, 2 for 121.  
Rose, Howarth, Hughes, Clarke, Whitley, Hawkins and Crutwell did not bat.

BOWLING  
O. M. R. W.  
H. Owen Hughes 9 1 32 1  
Pearce 3 0 18 0  
Barclay 9 0 53 1  
Harriman 6 0 26 1  
Odell 3 0 24 0  
Kilbee 2 0 23 0

## RAF Station Scandal

The court-martial sentence of cashiering imposed last month on Pilot-Officer William Cavendish-Bentley, son of the former British Ambassador to Poland, on a charge of "scandalous behaviour" with a girl in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, was today commuted to dismissal from the service.

Cavendish-Bentley's petition against the finding of the court was dismissed. The fact that he will not be cashiered means that Cavendish-Bentley, who was found with Aircraft-woman Mavis Bamister partly undressed in his bedroom, will still be eligible for public appointments in Britain and will be entitled to retain any awards and medals which he won during the war. —Reuter.

## Chinese Swamp Ireland XI Highest Score Yet In Charity Cup

Before a moderate crowd at Causeway Bay yesterday, China entered the Final Round of the International Charity Cup Competition at the expense of Ireland, who were beaten by 11 clear goals, the highest score recorded in the Competition to date.

The Chinese success was due chiefly to their superior team work. They played according to a pre-arranged plan and the precision with which the defence and attack joined in fine sweeping bursts and short passing movements, completely unsettled the Irishmen from the start.

Although defeated so convincingly, the Irishmen were by no means disgraced and the greatest credit is due to them for the game fight from start to finish against overwhelming odds. The chief defence of the Irishmen was an inability to strike up an understanding, had positioning, erratic passing and a tendency to hang on to the ball too long, a most dangerous practice when pitted against such a sterling defence as that of the Chinese.

The game was evenly contested throughout and Mr. L. G. Young's handling of the game left nothing to be desired.

### Quick Goal

China won the toss and decided to take advantage of the strong breeze blowing towards the harbour end. From the kick-off, Ireland went through in promising style, but they failed to finish effectively.

Play had only been in progress for about four minutes when China took the lead through Chan Tak-fai, who connected a perfectly centred corner kick by Ho Yin-fun and nodded it into the corner of the net, well out of the reach of Hearty.

The same player missed a wonderful opportunity of putting his side further ahead when he shot wide with only the goalkeeper to beat.

He made amends in the next minute, however, when he received a pass from Chau Man-chi and put it past Hearty.

Stephens had hard luck with a hard drive which Tam just managed to save. From a scrimmage in front of the Irish goal, China added their third goal through Chau Man-chi. Straight from the kick-off, the Chinese gained possession and Ho Yin-fun took the ball up and netted with a fast cross shot which completely deceived Hearty.

### Chinese On Top

Following a period of midfield play, the Chinese took the ball into the Irish goalmouth and as Hearty and several other players attempted to gain possession, a defender deflected it into his own net.

A break through by the Chinese early in the second half resulted in Chan Tak-fai again scoring.

The Chinese continued to dominate the play and the Irishmen were confined to their own half of the field most of the time.

The Irish forwards made valiant efforts to break through the solid Chinese defence, but their efforts lacked punch and they were generally hurled back without much difficulty.

## Home Football Results

London, Jan. 31.

F.A. CUP—FOURTH ROUND REPLAY

Everton 3 Wolves 2 (after extra time)

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	3	Preston	0
Blackburn	4	Sunderland	3
Blackpool	1	Villa	0
Bolton	2	Chelsea	1
Charlton	0	Stoke	1
Liverpool	0	Portsmouth	3
Manchester C.	3	Grimsby	1
Middlesbrough	1	Burnley	2
Sheffield U.	2	Manchester U.	1

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	2	Plymouth	1
Birmingham	4	Brentford	0
Bradford	0	Spurs	2
Culter	3	Wednesday	2
Coventry	1	Leeds	2
Dunfermline	1	Cherterfield	0
Fulham	1	Bury	1
Newcastle	2	Leicester	0
Notts P.	5	Millwall	1
Southampton	3	West Ham	1
West Brom.	1	Luton	0

SCOTTISH CUP FIRST ROUND

Hamilton	0	Motherwell	2
Celtic	0	Clyde	0
Falkirk	3	Berdeen	1
Albionians	1	Rangers	0
Partick	1	Hearts	2
St. Mirren	6	Q's Park	1
Third Lanark	5	Abroath	1

Owing to bad reception, results of third division matches have not been received. —Reuter.

## Filipino Amnesty Report

Manila, Jan. 31. The Senate Committee on the revision of laws today reported favourably on the amnesty proclamation and a concurrent resolution approving the amnesty will be discussed on Tuesday on the Senate floor.

The House Committee on the amnesty is still studying the matter with a view to determining whether it would be possible to amend the amnesty proclamation to include all treason indictments.

The Solicitor-General's office is currently reviewing treason cases to segregate those not affected by the amnesty.

It was understood that over 2,000 treason indictments are now covered by the amnesty since they are charged with having served the Japanese as agents, spies and informers. Over 1,000 of these are charged with affiliation with the "Makapili" and other organisations which took up arms for the Japanese. —United Press.

## Civilians Facing Chinese To-Day

A good and closely contested game should be witnessed on the Club ground at 3.30 p.m. today between Chinese and Civilians in the semi-final of the Memorial Cup Competition.

The Civilians have selected a good side with the material at their disposal but a new Chinese side has been picked. None of the players who participated yesterday will be playing.

It cannot be said that the Chinese have chosen their best second string as apart from Yoo Yee-tak, Tse Kam-ho, Lui Shul-wing and Lo Wai-kuen better players are available. Loung Pak-wai and Tsang Chung-wan would form a better pair of backs than Yuen Yau Shung and Lam Yu-shun while the pivotal position could be better filled by Hung Hing-yuk of Athletic.

The forwards are composed of players but against such a good tackling as Forrow, Gossno, Fjelstad and Mullen they will not have much time to do around near goal.

Several of the Civilians side will be giving of their best in the hopes they will catch the selectors' eyes.

Lock is knocking at the door of Interport honours and he has one rival for that position.

## R.A.F. BEAT TAIKOO

R.A.F. Station Kai Tak beat Taikoo Dockers 3 goals to 1 in a football match at Kai Tak yesterday.

## M.C.C. MATCH

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Jan. 30. At the close of play today, the MCC had scored 19 for no wickets in reply to Trinidad's first innings total of 481 runs for four declared. —Reuter.

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